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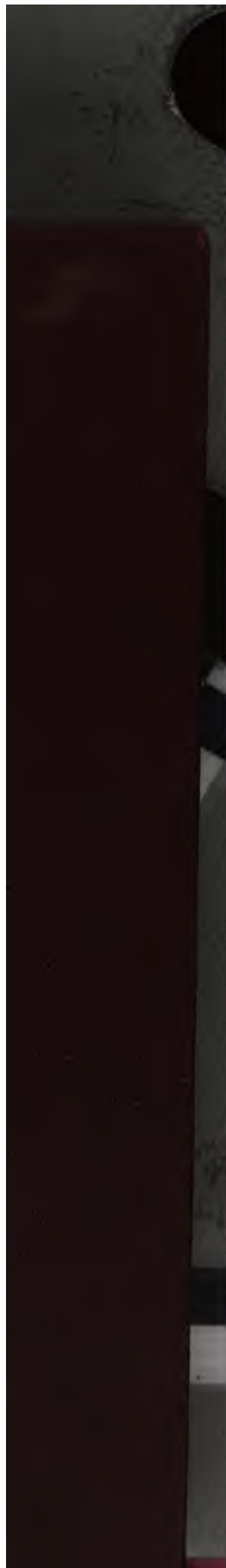
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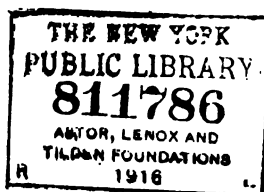
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"The union of souls is an anchor in storms."

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## DELTA GAMMA AND THE WORLD'S FAIR.

The question of fraternity representation at the World's Fair has been widely discussed this summer, especially in Chicago. It was brought up, however so late in the spring that it was impossible to obtain any significant expression of opinion from individual chapters of our own fraternity and the delegate appointed by the Grand Chapter to represent Delta Gamma at the Pan-Hellenic meeting held this summer gladly avails herself of the pages of ANCHORA to make a statement to every individual member of the fraternity of the plan proposed.

At the risk of repetition to a good many readers, we will go back to the beginning of the movement and follow it through.

On May 19th notices were sent to most of the fraternities and societies requesting that delegates be sent to a meeting to be held at the Grand Pacific Hotel, June 9th. The meeting was largely attended by representative fraternity men and women. Dr. Peabody—Chief of the Liberal Arts Department of the fair—was present, and promised space for a *collective* fraternity exhibit which should be "concise, significant and forceful." The most frequent question asked at the meeting was "What have we to exhibit?" and the following report of a committee on a plan of exhibit was accepted as a general answer to the question:

This meeting recommends to all American college fraternities and societies that the exhibits at the World's Columbian Exposition consist, among other things, of their catalogues, song books, magazines, badges, flags, banners, and souvenirs of particular chapters, escutcheons, coats of

arms, pictures of chapter houses, of active and alumni chapters and members, and whatsoever is of interest in showing their history and present status; and that provision be made for the registry of all members of fraternities who visit the exhibit, and that each fraternity appoint a delegate with full power to act for it, evidenced by credentials, in the matter of representation at the World's Columbian Exposition.

In pursuance of this resolution a meeting was held July 7th, to perfect organization at which the following constitution was adopted.

#### ARTICLE I.

1. This organization shall be THE COLLEGE FRATERNITIES' EXHIBIT COMMITTEE.

2. Its object shall be the participation in a collective exhibit of American College Fraternities at the World's Columbian Exposition.

#### ARTICLE II.

1. The officers shall be a chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer.

2. There shall be an executive committee of five members, composed of the chairman, the secretary, the treasurer and two others.

3. The officers and the other members of the executive committee shall be elected at the annual meeting, the first Thursday in July, and shall hold office one year. Vacancies may be filled at any meeting of the organization.

#### ARTICLE III.

1. The chairman, secretary and treasurer shall perform the duties which devolve upon such officers generally.

2. The executive committee shall have general charge and control of the affairs and funds of the organization, and its action shall be reported to the organization of all meetings.

#### ARTICLE IV.

1. The organization shall be composed of one representative from each college fraternity participating, such representative to be empowered to act for his fraternity in all matters connected with securing space, accepting allotments, installing and caring for exhibits, and in other matters which the organization may require.

## ARTICLE V.

1. The expenses of the organization shall be raised by assessment upon the members.

## ARTICLE VI.

1. The regular meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of each month. Special meetings shall be called by the chairman at the request of three members.

## ARTICLE VII.

1. Amendments to this constitution may be made at any meeting by two-thirds of the members present, provided one week's notice of the proposed amendment has been given.

Adopted July 7, 1892.

The officers elected were:

Chairman, Richard Lee Fearn (*B Θ II*); secretary, Gertrude E. Small (*K K Γ*); treasurer, Edward M. Winston (*Δ Υ*). Other members of the executive committee: Mr. Charles M. Kurtz (*Φ Γ Δ*), Ethel Baker (*Δ Γ*).

Regular meetings have since been held, as provided in the constitution, and the following general scheme has been prepared for the exhibit:

The Manufactures and Liberal Arts building is the largest on the fair grounds, and the space given the fraternities will be on one of its main aisles. It will be forty-six feet long by nineteen feet wide, with walls on the sides ten feet in height. The fourth side on the aisle will be protected simply by an ornamental railing. The rear portion will be divided into alcoves by winged frames ten feet high and eight long. This wall space will be divided among the fraternities as fairly as possible, and each fraternity will bear a share in the general expenses proportionate to the amount of space it receives. Next the railing will be showcases containing collections of general fraternity interest, and tables for registration will be placed in the open space in front of the alcoves. It is proposed to devote one alcove to women's fraternities, and a uniform feature of all the exhib-



its is to be an enlarged reproduction of the badge of each fraternity, placed above its exhibit and visible from the aisle. Twenty-five fraternities are already interested in the movement, among them being  $A \Phi$ ,  $\Gamma \Phi B$ ,  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ ,  $H A \Phi$  and  $K K I$ .

Meetings of the committee will be held October 6th, November 3rd and December 1st, at which last date the space will be subdivided. Your delegate has attended the meetings of the general and executive committee, and fully appreciates the advantages and the difficulties in the way of such an exhibition for Delta Gamma. The matter of expense cannot be estimated very exactly. The only general expenses incurred by the Pan-Hellenic organization will be that of erecting the frame partitions, carpeting the floor, and providing the few articles of furniture necessary, such as registration tables, etc. Needless to say this will not be heavy.

The expenses of each fraternity can, of course, be regulated by its own desire. The exhibit of Delta Gamma would have to consist, in part, of the files of ANCHORA, sample pins, banners, pictures of the chapter houses, chapter groups, portraits of distinguished alumnae and the officers of the association, some decorative chapter roll, with the catalogue, and any other publication of the fraternity or individual members. Your delegate has as yet no decided plan, but should be glad to receive suggestions from chapters or individual members. Chapter banners would be very decorative, and would be permanent additions to every chapter hall after the fair was over. They could be made very artistic, with good material and fine work, and some uniform design might be selected, to be only varied by the chapter letter; or the chapters might be left to make their own design, using either the combination of colors, the yellow roses, the anchor, or the monogram of the fraternity and chapter letters, as significant features.

It is earnestly hoped that every chapter will read and carefully consider this article, and feel a personal interest and responsibility in this matter. It can only be made a

success by the hearty support and co-operation of every chapter. To further this end, the delegate asks that each chapter appoint some one of their number, either active or alumnæ, for membership in a general World's Fair exhibit committee for *ΔΓ*. She especially requests each chapter to appoint some one who is willing to give to the work the time and attention it deserves, and should be glad to receive the names and addresses of all such appointees as soon as possible, with any suggestions, criticisms or enquiries they may wish to make. Further information will be sent the chapters as it is received by the delegate, and each chapter is requested to consider the matter carefully and intelligently, to aid the delegate with the best suggestions in their power, and to hold themselves in readiness to co-operate with each other in every measure that may seem to be for the best interests of the Fraternity.

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#### COLLEGE FRATERNITIES AND THE WORLD'S CONGRESS AUXILIARY.

This may sound as a continuation of the article you have just finished reading, but the main thing I want to impress upon your minds at present is that they have absolutely no connection with each other. One is a plan for a collective exhibit at the World's Fair grounds during the whole period of the fair. It was started by the fraternities, and each member of the committee acts not personally but officially, representing some fraternity. The other is a plan for a *Congress* of fraternities to be held in the Memorial Art Palace, on the Lake Front, at Adams St., for three days in July, 1893. The members of the local committee who have the arrangements in hand were appointed by the president of the Auxiliary as individuals, not as representatives of any fraternity. With this explanation I can give you no better account of

that plan than the preliminary address, which is now in press, and will be published shortly for general distribution:

To demonstrate the importance of the American College Fraternity System as a potent factor of higher education and of postgraduate life; to promote the beneficial influences of the Greek-letter societies, honored by the most cultured men and women of to-day; to encourage harmonious relations in a common cause for the just recognition of their aims and methods, and to consider the general welfare, it is proposed to hold a great pan-hellenic congress in July next, under the auspices of the World's Congress Auxiliary of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago.

Certainly no more effective means could have been devised for a general fraternity meeting than the World's Congress Auxiliary, an organization maintained by the Exposition, and approved by the government of the United States, for the purpose of presenting, in a series of congresses, the leaders of the moral and intellectual progress of the world. The organization consists of a central authority under the general officers whose names appear at the head of this address. There is a local committee charged with the arranging for each congress, to which is attached a non-resident but active branch called an Advisory Council. General, honorary and corresponding members are also appointed, and committees of co-operation chosen by existing organizations are recognized by the Auxiliary as parts of its working force.

The congresses are classified under general departments, divisions of such departments, and chapters of such divisions. Departments of Art, Agriculture, Commerce and Finance, Education, Engineering, Government, Labor, Literature, Medicine, Moral and Social Reform, Music, the Press, Religion, Science and Philosophy, Temperance and Woman's Progress have already been established, each including numerous divisions and chapters. The assertion is therefore fully warranted that the congresses of 1893 will surpass in importance and wide-spread interest any assemblies of a similar nature ever held.

The Department of Education, of which the Honorable and Rt. Reverend Samuel Fellows is general chairman, at present includes thirteen general divisions, in addition to that of College Fraternities. As instancing the thoroughness of organization, the local committee of the division of

Higher Education consists of President Harper, University of Chicago; President Rogers, Northwestern University; President Roberts, Lake Forest University, and President Fisk, Chicago Theological Seminary. Among the Advisory Council of this committee are Presidents Eliot, Gilman, Walker, Patton, Angell, Adams, Andrews, Gates, Low, Warren and Eaton; ex-Presidents McCosh and White, and Professors Boyesen, James and Ely.

Arrangements are already perfected for holding no less than one hundred and forty congresses under that number of divisions of the great departments. This series may be regarded as constituting a world's summer university—and incomparably the grandest ever attempted. The sessions will be held in the Memorial Art Palace now being erected in the heart of the city. This building is designed to contain eventually a permanent museum of the fine arts, but its completion is undertaken before May next in order that it may be used exclusively for the purposes of the Auxiliary during the entire Exposition season. Besides its two audience rooms, each with a seating capacity of three thousand persons, it contains thirty smaller rooms accommodating from three hundred to seven hundred persons each. These rooms will be used for the divisions, chapters, sections and committees of the congresses. To perpetuate the proceedings of the congresses, as the most valuable and enduring memorial of the World's Columbian Exposition, provision will be made for the official publication of the record by the Auxiliary.

The plan suggested is for the College Fraternities to hold conventions, or such other meetings as they wish at Chicago, in July, 1893, during the educational and allied congresses, and to devote one or two days to a great union congress under the Auxiliary. Probably ten per cent. of the total membership of all the fraternities will naturally be in Chicago at that time, and this percentage alone would ensure an assemblage of over ten thousand fraternity men. Among the subjects which might properly be considered the following have been suggested: The Origin of the Fraternities; The Development of the System; The Ideal Fraternity; Its Government and the relations of Its Alumni; The Right of the Fraternities to Exist; The Limits of Fraternity Rivalry; The Secrecy of the Fraternities; Their Moral and Political Relations and their Relations with the College Faculties; What Interfraternity Laws are Advisable and Practicable for Common Advancement and Protection;

Honorary Membership and Preparatory Students; The Legal Status of the Fraternities; Fraternity Journalism. These questions and others may be discussed by the officers and leaders of the fraternities, their best known lawyers, statesmen, college officials and others of prominence selected from the organizations participating.

The local general committee for this congress, chosen irrespective of fraternity affiliations, and appointed by the officers of the Auxiliary solely with the view of arranging for the congress, and securing its success, confidently seeks the hearty co-operation of all college fraternity men, in order that the advisory council may be thoroughly representative. It is hoped to include in this council the officers and prominent members of all the fraternities, and as soon as that object is attained, to proceed with the preparation of a programme, and the selection of the leading speakers. As it is desirable to make a further and more definite announcement concerning the congress and its council before the end of this year, individuals as well as organizations are cordially invited to offer, at their earliest convenience, suggestions to the committee. Communications may be addressed to the general chairman.

Committee of the World's Congress Auxiliary on a college fraternities' congress: Richard Lee Fearn, General Chairman; Charles Alling, Jr., Vice Chairman; Charles M. Kurtz; Edward M. Winston.

Woman's Committee on a college fraternities' congress: Gertrude E. Small, Chairman; Ethel Baker, Vice Chairman; Minnie Howe Newby.

Beyond the general lines stated in the address, the committee has not as yet perfected the details of the plan, but it can, at least, be definitely stated that there will be, in connection with the general fraternity congress, a congress of woman's fraternities at Chicago, in July, 1893. Therefore, it would be very beneficial to the fraternity if each chapter would keep itself informed on this subject, and begin to think of and discuss the numerous questions of fraternity policy that must occur to every one. For instance, shall we have our *regular* convention in Chicago, in July, 1893? The question is not at all one-sided. In its favor are the obvious advantages of the fair, the railroad rates, the hall, the opportunity for so many of our girls to meet a corresponding

number of other fraternity women, etc. Against it, the fact that we have already set a date for the convention, and accepted a very kind offer of entertainment; the fact that the many outside attractions might interfere with attendance at the meetings, and due attention to the routine work; the fact that we have no chapter in Chicago, and accommodations might be difficult to obtain in the crowd.

If we do not have our regular convention, we can transact all routine business in Akron in May, and then let as many of us as possible arrange our visit to the fair so as to be in Chicago at the date set, and have all our time for things that may come up there, and for the social and Pan-Hellenic features of the congress.

Other similar questions will undoubtedly arise, but all that is necessary now is for the fraternity, individually and by chapters, to consider this question of a Pan-Hellenic congress, carry out the suggestions made in the preliminary address, and be ready with well considered and matured opinions as to how Delta Gamma can obtain the greatest amount of advantage from the opportunities offered.

ETHEL BAKER,  
Vice-Chairman of Woman's Committee  
on a College Fraternities' Congress.

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#### THE AMERICAN GIRL.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead  
Who never to himself hath said:  
'This is my own, my native land!'"

For me these lines were ever wont to contain a silent rebuke. While admiring the patriotic fervor that glowed in the fear that I had been constructed without the natural allowance of soul, since I could not honestly affirm that I had ever experienced any thrills of emotion for "my native land," I could awaken in my cold heart no exultation over the fact that I was American born instead of German or Japanese.

But now I know my apprehensions were groundless. I

have been abroad. I have been privileged to visit some other nations of the earth, and now—I am patriotic! I glory above all things in the fact that I am an American woman!

Oh, dear girls, it is when we come in contact with the lives of our sisters in other lands that we fully appreciate the nature of our birthright.

Heretofore the honor and consideration we have received from our native masculinity has been accepted by us as the natural right of our sex—as indeed it is. But when we once experience the lack of such general considerate courtesy in foreign lands, where women are treated as the inferiors who dare speak only when first addressed, then our eyes begin to be opened. We fairly gasp with astonishment when, for the first time we see women serving as pack animals, hitched with dogs to carts, digging in the streets, loading cars with coal and performing any and all such labor as only a man does in our country. It is when we see such relics of the customs of the dark ages still prevailing, that our hearts are filled with thankfulness that our forefathers were once upon a time impelled to seek a new land, where, cutting themselves free from the traditions of the past, they could establish new, and where might be better institutions.

It was, indeed, this breaking away from tradition that has been our salvation, our emancipation, as it were. The precedent has been firmly established, and, now, the new order of things having been once instituted, there is no fear that the coming years will see any diminution in the progress of woman towards equality with her brothers. This much is certain, she will advance to whatever height her merits make her worthy.

Higher education for women has become an institution of our land. It is a natural outgrowth of the constitution of our government, and we have only to note the growing respect with which our young women travelling abroad are treated, to convince ourselves that the result is more than satisfactory.

It gave me great pleasure to find that the American girl is establishing herself in favor wherever she goes. Accus-

tomed to act for herself and to be considered a responsible being—she travels about all unchaperoned as much as she likes. She is recognized at once,—“Eine Amerikanerin!” they say, and she is rarely subjected to any annoyance. Her take-it-for-granted-it-is-all-right sort of an air, effectually disarms all meditated rudeness on the part of impertinent fellow travelers. To the steady going European, contentedly plodding along a beaten path marked by his father and grandfather before him, the American girl is an anomaly. He tacitly acknowledges her claims to his consideration and respect, however, and allows to her privileges he does not think of granting to his own daughter.

The Germans, in particular, are very conservative, and it will probably be a long time, and only after severe struggles, before the doors of their higher institutions of learning are opened to the women of that land. But the question has already been brought up for consideration, which is a hopeful sign.

While in Leipzig the past winter I attended lectures at the University, a privilege accorded to sixteen or twenty other young women, mostly Americans. The professors generally granted the desired permission very willingly when they had once assured themselves that we were Americans. It was understood it was a precedent they did not wish established among their own girls.

“I do like American girls; they are the brightest most interesting pupils I have,” said a prominent music teacher. “They are so clever and determined to accomplish what they begin. If they have an extra different exercise they simply make a little intelligent exertion and succeed, where a German girl makes no effort at all until she is ‘shown how.’”

After a talk with another Frau on our colleges for women and higher education, she exclaimed. “Why I would not dare to let my daughter learn so much, even if she would, she would become so disagreeable and unloveable. We Germans have such a horror of a Blue Stocking; but it doesn’t seem to spoil you Americans,” she added.

It is considered that the German girl receives as much



book learning as is good for her, between the ages of six and sixteen. Perhaps some lessons in English or French may safely be indulged in after that. General reading is not encouraged. Leisure moments are employed in doing fancy work, "Haekelei," and "Stickerei." By way of amusement she has the Kranzchen (circle of lady friends) and the theatre and concert. During the first year after school is finished the young girl attends dancing school once a week. Here are often formed little circles of congenial friends who continue the dancing parties for several succeeding seasons. Here the proud mammas, who always accompany their tender buds, keep a sharp lookout for any tender romance which is to be carefully fostered—or nipped in the bud as the case may be.

As to the French girls education, when not taught by a governess, she is either confided to a convent or private boarding school until she is ready for the public examination which takes place at the Hotel de ville and which having been once successfully taken, ends the school days of all daughters of France. Thus we see, in both France and Germany, the actual provision for a girl's instruction ceases with the High School work.

In England higher education is offered to those young women desiring it and able to afford the same, but America alone encourages her daughters in the attainment of liberal culture and fosters the desire for broader knowledge.

Let us strive then, oh America girls, to make the most of these great and glorious opportunities. Let us guard against superficiality, for the eyes of nations are upon us. We stand before the world as the exponents of higher education for women. The influence of our example is farther reaching than we can foresee.

MARY B. JOHNSON,  
Phi '88.

## EDITORIALS.

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The time seems short between bidding farewell to last year's senior girls and welcoming within our circle this year's freshmen, and we feel like extending congratulations and sympathy to them both; congratulation to the new alumnæ because they have successfully completed four years of earnest work and are ready now for new worlds to conquer; congratulations to the freshmen because they have four years of pleasant work and wholesome pleasure before them. For both we feel some sympathy, because the beginning and the end of a college course are both, in a certain sense, crises in a girls life. It is ever a little difficult to adapt ourselves to new circumstances, and the freshman who leaves her home for the first time, and the alumna who leaves her Alma Mater for the last time, feel equally that all familiar bonds are sundered, and that they are adrift upon the world. Fortunately novel conditions soon become normal ones, and freshmen and alumnæ alike will soon find the one peculiar place which they can fill, the particular duties for which they are fitted. They both need courage, strength, self-reliance, patience and perseverance to be successful, and they will succeed, for these are just the qualities that college women possess. As we welcome our freshmen girls in Delta Gamma, we hope that last year's seniors will often find their way to the old circle of friends, to help the new sisters and to learn that time but strengthens our bond of union.

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Again it becomes the editor's ludicrous duty to remind her correspondents that all communications intended for publication, should be written upon one side of the paper only. However much in need of improvement our handwriting may be, we do not welcome with enthusiasm, the

opportunity to practice the art of penmanship, afforded us by contributors who forget to remember that the compositor refuses to manipulate copy written upon both sides of the paper. We may place an artificial value upon our time, but it certainly appears to us that we might be more profitably employed than in copying manuscript.

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Will the chapter correspondents also kindly remember to sign their names to all chapter letters? Judging from the number that have come unsigned this fall, one would infer that not many correspondents are in the habit of reading ANCHORA's editorials. We do not censure our friends for that. We, ourselves, dislike to be bored, and there are some sacrifices too great to be demanded even from friends. But if any member of any chapter should chance to read these lines, will she please consider herself officially appointed to inform the chapter scribe of the above request?

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The time for our perennial warning against too much enthusiasm and too little judgment during the fall campaign has arrived. The business-like way in which the fraternity girls, now-a-days, proceed to fall violently in love with the potential new members, is only equalled by the miraculous way in which they discover a thousand proofs of the candidate's ineligibility as soon as it is made manifest that the victim prefers to worship at another shrine. The systematic way in which the new girls are inspected, invited to join and initiated is sometimes a revelation of unsuspected depths of guile in the nature of woman. It takes the poetry out of our bond to see new members are brought within the circle only after a fierce struggle against the wiles of rival societies. We need more Pan-Hellenism of spirit. The bitterness of rivalry between the societies ought to be done away with; the natural sympathy of college

women, whether Alpha Phis, or Kappa Kappa Gammas, Kappa Alpha Thetas or Delta Gammas, should be given a chance to express itself with no artificial reserve forced upon them by fraternity bonds. There is danger of our societies losing their distinctive beauty and becoming simply organizations. It is hard to resist the temptation of employing methods prevailing in other fraternities, but in times of peace, every one realizes that our strength lies not in numbers but in character. The object of Delta Gamma is the formation of a close, sympathetic and helpful friendship between congenial young women, and this object remains, irrespective of the aims of other societies. If Delta Gamma had but two chapters and never formed another, it could be rightly said to be successful if in these two were realized the bond that is supposed to unite Alpha and Omega. It would be better for any chapter to die than to retain its charter by initiating members who are not in sympathy with the spirit of the fraternity. The truth of this ought to be self-evident, but the excitement of the opening year often seems to overthrow a fraternity's fundamental axioms, and renders the repetition of old advice not untimely, even though it may be a little unwelcome.

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Every chapter should bear in mind the fact that this is convention year, and if any changes in fraternity policy or constitution are desired, now is the time to think of them. The convention ought not to do business impulsively, and the chapters should make sure that the innovations their delegates intend to suggest are wise and judicious ones. The inter-chapter correspondence ought to open an easy way for the consideration of vital changes long before the question comes up for discussion in convention. The success and profit of a convention depends more upon what has been done before assembling than upon the business transacted upon the spur of the moment after the meeting is in session. The inspiration of the moment is quite apt to be a false one,

and should be depended upon only in case of extremity. Every chapter should educate her delegates up to the intelligent performance of her duties during the months preceding convention.

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It is hoped that every chapter will take into immediate consideration the subjects of a Pan-Hellenic exhibit and the World's Congress Auxiliary, as urged by our  $\Delta \Gamma$  delegate in the opening pages of ANCHORA. Although the latter is perhaps the more important matter of the two, the former should be carefully considered. No material good would probably result from an exhibition of  $\Delta \Gamma$  pins, banners and ANCHORAS; such an exhibit is, nevertheless, one of the things that have a negative value. It would be most unwise to refuse to enter into a movement in which other fraternities were largely represented. A refusal would manifest a lack of the proper Pan-Hellenic spirit (which ought to be encouraged, even at the expense of much fraternity sacrifice); it would also indicate a lack of pride in Delta Gamma, which should not be made manifest by sins of omission. The Pan-Hellenic exhibit may, therefore, properly be considered from the standpoints of policy and courtesy. But the congress of women's fraternities should be considered more seriously. While the recollection of how few have been the practical benefits derived from the Pan-Hellenic convention, held two years ago, may seem to some chapters an argument of the inutility of such a gathering as is proposed for next summer, ought it not rather to be an additional reason for doing all that lies within our power to make another, and a larger convention, a brilliant success? The convention of '91 was an experiment which in no sense can be called a failure. At that meeting the sororities discovered the common ground upon which they can stand, and that, considering the entire novelty of the meeting, was enough to do. Since then, the sororities have had ample opportunities to reflect upon and discuss Pan-Hellenic possibilities. Delegates and visitors would go to a congress next year

much better prepared to take active and practical steps for the benefit of a common cause, than was possible at Boston. But even if no important action should be taken by the congress, the mere fact of representatives of all women's fraternities meeting together for serious and friendly discussion of difficulties and reforms, will help to arouse sympathy and render more cordial the existing sororal relations. If nothing more, such a congress would be an exceptional opportunity for the meeting of college women. It could not but prove interesting, and it would necessarily be beneficial.

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#### A TOAST.

[Delivered after the initiation of eight new members.]

St. Peter, watching at the gates of heaven,  
Grows tired sometimes, so legend saith, and sleeps;  
And o!t some curious cherub truant  
Through the holy open portal softly creeps.

One morn it chanced that eight sweet spirits wandering,  
Caught good St. Peter napping at his post.  
They nod; they smile, nor consequences pond'ring,  
Each thro' the doorway steals as gently as a ghost.

Earthward they turn their flight, thro' starry spaces,  
And, separated long, forget each other;  
But here to-night they are again united,  
In Delta Gamma they have found a common mother.

We welcome you, dear babes from realms celestial,  
With hearts of gladness and with hands to aid.  
Long may you tarry here mid haunts terrestrial,  
And Delta Gamma's blessing be upon each maid.

—EMILY RUTH HARRIS,  
Lambda.

### IN MEMORIAM.

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Alpha Chapter of Delta Gamma is again called upon to mourn the loss of one of her most beloved members. Sister Fanny, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Warren of Mt. Union, departed this life, Sunday, June 12, 1892. In the few years of her earthly pilgrimage it has been hers to win the esteem and affection of all with whom she was associated. Her earnest, conscientious work, her genial disposition, and her kind and cheerful bearing made her friends everywhere. While we regret that on account of a constitutional barrier Fannie was a pledged instead of a full member of the fraternity, her ambition to obtain the requisite classification, and her persistent efforts to that end, were viewed with satisfaction and pride by the girls and will continue to be a pleasant memory—a perpetual benediction.

Even while looking forward to a fuller connection with the fraternity, each girl felt that her heart beat in unison with ours, and because of this broken link in the golden chain of sisterhood, earth will never be quite so bright, but heaven will be nearer and dearer.

And while inscrutable wisdom has transplanted this fair and fragile bud from the garden of earth to blossom in the milder clime of heaven, we accept by faith this divine chastening and recall those words of the Savior "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter."

ALPHA.

## CHAPTER LETTERS.

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### ALPHA ; MOUNT UNION COLLEGE.

Alpha takes great pleasure in introducing to Delta Gamma her three new members—Miss Laura Anderson, who was made acquainted with the mysteries of the Fraternity last term, and Misses Metta Bagley and Pearl Binford, who first saw the Delta Gamma goat this term.

Miss Allie Toland, one of our most faithful and active members, has recently moved with her parents to Cleveland, Ohio. Not only will we miss her smiling countenance in the class room and meetings, but feel by the removal of Rev. and Mrs. Toland from the city, Alpha has lost two of her very best friends, by whom she has been so elegantly entertained in the past. Sister Allie carries with her the best wishes of all the Fraternity girls to her new home.

Alpha will deeply feel the loss of another of her most earnest and active members, Miss Anna Elliot, who has left school to begin teaching in Deerfield, Ohio. We wish her all success in her new work.

MATTIE HOYER.

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### DELTA ; UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The year that closed so successfully last June took from us one of the most popular and enthusiastic members of Delta Gamma. Josephine Maclay was graduated, and though we feel a sad loss in her gain, still we hope to have her with us quite often, as she will not be very far from Los Angeles.

The annual reception of  $\Delta \Gamma$  was given this year at the home of Mrs. J. M. C. Marble, a kind friend of  $\Delta \Gamma$ . The beautiful home and grounds were decorated and lighted for the occasion, and presented a very brilliant appearance. Everyone declares it was by far the most elegant reception ever given here, and that it was the most enjoyable. The  $K \Lambda \Theta$  and  $\Sigma X$  were invited, as well as outside friends. On this evening one new  $\Delta \Gamma$  first made her appearance, Frances Whitlock, one of the freshman class, whom we were all delighted to receive.



Our college has already opened this fall, and the year promises to be a successful one for  $\Delta \Gamma$ , as several old girls are back in college again, among whom the writer is one.

We are all sorry to learn that one of our former active members has removed to Arizona. Mrs. W. C. Whitcomb (formerly Julia Chamblin) will make Phoenix her future home, as her husband is engaged in business there.

Virginia and Lillian Williamson have finished their Normal course, and are teaching this fall. They will be with us Saturdays, as formerly, and we hardly realize that they are not at the Normal still.

Mrs. Bertha Bruce-Parker has presented  $\Delta \Gamma$  with another nephew, of whom we are all very proud.

Adella Tucker, one of our last year's members, has entered Leland Stanford, Jr., University this fall, where she expects to finish her college course. LURA WHITLOCK.

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#### ZETA ; ALBION COLLEGE.

A letter from the editor of ANCHORA, which was read at our last meeting, reminds us that we must respond at once ; and in return, our eyes will soon gaze on a new copy of our Fraternity journal, which always gives such real enjoyment and satisfaction to Zeta of Delta Gamma.

This fall term opens with many bright prospects in view. Our girls are alive with enthusiasm, and heart enthusiasm is that which accomplishes the most in this life. It constantly enables us to go on more vigorously in that great work, "rushing," from which we derive both strength and pleasure. Zeta this term is strong in numbers as well as in spirit. We trust that this good spirit and determination of success will forever go hand in hand with our dear sisters of Delta Gamma.

September 28th, we girls had a very merry time in our hall, in honor of the new girls. The loud peals of laughter and the witty conversation only assured us that our hospitality was fully appreciated and greatly enjoyed.

Zeta is only too proud to have the pleasure of introducing to you two fair and charming maidens, the Misses Marguerite Ludlow and Edith Durfey, whom we initiated Oct. 8.

Next Saturday evening, October 15, we are to give a tea, in honor of our pledged girls. We all anticipate a joyous time.

Zeta extends to all the "dear girls" of Delta Gamma many fond wishes, and a bright, prosperous term.

GLADYS L. LESTER.

## ETA; BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Once again has Buchtel College opened and with that opening Eta Chapter of Delta Gamma is here with renewed vigor. The old girls have all returned, with the exception of our graduate, Miss Josephine Chaney, who is much missed by all.

Sixteen is now our active chapter, two of these being Freshmen who have only just entered the mystic circle after being in "pledgedom" for some time. The initial rites took place Saturday the 1st of October at Mrs. Grace Olin's. Our alumni were invited and the event was much enjoyed by all.

Rushing is now an important factor in Eta's work and the prospects, we flatter ourselves, are very promising. We have one new pledged member, Miss Hannah Theresa Alexander. She is a senior preparatory student and we are justly proud of her.

Eta has already begun to propose and plan for the convention. We are very desirous that this second convention at Buchtel shall prove a success in all respects; productive both of good for the fraternity and of pleasure for the visitors. Eta will do all in her power to make it pleasant and cordially extends to every Delta Gamma an invitation for next May.

A pleasant call was received from Mrs. Florence Mulliken Smith at the opening of the term.

Eta extends her wishes to  $\Delta I$  for a prosperous year.  
GERTRUDE TABER.

## KAPPA; UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

After the discouragement which attended our last attempt to write to you we feel inclined to let this letter slide, but the disapproval of our elder sisters compels us to do duty. If this letter seems a little forced you will understand it.

Kappa Chapter, like all the rest of you, is delighted to be at school once more. Vacation experiences, new girls, and courses of study, are, of course, the absorbing topics for discussion in our meetings. A large number  $\Delta I$ 's are in school this year. Beside those who were in school last year there are Lena Demere, who has been in Jacksonville for a year, Pearl Camp and Jo Herman, who is taking graduate work and is also instructing the preparatory students in Latin. We sometimes feel a little hard to think we have a real instructor among our number, but we never allow our-

selves to show that it has the least effect upon us. It would be dangerous to our influence in the mystic circle. Lydia Williams is teaching in one of the suburbs. Alice Wing and Laura Haggard are teaching together this year. Laura Schoral we hoped to have with us this year, but in consequence of ill health she was compelled to drop her post graduate work.

We have one new pledged girl this year—Laura Woods. She is an ideal Delta Gamma and we hope she will soon be a full member. The first Saturday of the fall term we initiated Helen Cook Harwood and Joy Louise Webster, two high school graduates. In our last letter we told you how lovely they are and how fit to be Delta Gammas. Now don't you think we have been industrious this year? We regret exceedingly that two girls who were pledged last year, Anna Day and Georgie Case, are unable to come back this year.

We feel that we have a great opportunity this year to enlarge and strengthen our chapter. A great many new girls have come and many of them are very nice. Our university is crowded with new students. All the instructors are pressed with work and the recitation rooms are much too small for the size of the classes.

Over eight hundred students are already enrolled, and many of the old students have not yet returned.

Our vacation experiences are delightful material for future programmes.

Lena Demere enjoyed a European trip, Alice Wing went to New Brunswick, and some of the other girls had lovely trips, while those who staid at home have almost as much to tell.

We had expected that all the girls would be in town this winter, but it is not to be. Ada Caldwell left last Monday for Chicago where she will study art all winter. It makes us feel dreadfully to think of not seeing her until next spring, but we know she will have a lovely winter.

We hope all Delta Gammas enter upon this year as enthusiastically as we do. We feel that we must do great things this winter, so please expect to be astonished by future letters from

PEARL CAMP.

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LAMBDA; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

I suppose, girls, that you are all just as busy as we are, "rushing" newcomers. But perhaps not; some of the college, I believe, have an inter-sorority contract which does

away with a great share of the anxious suspense and curious conjecture as to the movements of rivals, if not with the customary inspection parties. Such a condition of affairs we strove for here last spring, but all to no avail. Of course unless *all* the sororities agreed to withhold their invitations to join them until a set time, it would be of no use, but only a detriment, for a part of them to attempt to carry out the idea. And here Alpha Phi objected, and although several meetings of all the sororities were held and many arguments brought forward, showing the reasonableness and expediency of such a contract, Alpha Phi still remained immovable and the four other sororities gave up the attempt. So we are deep into it again—I mean the rushing. However, I do believe that eventually it will be dispensed with and “all things will be done decently and in order,” and not in the undignified rush that they are now.

When we met again this fall and “counted noses” we found we numbered nine. This number we expect to increase to eighteen at our initiation which we plan to have soon. There is one question, in connection with the pledging of new membres that I should like to ask; it is, whether you girls use any kind of a pledge-pin, and if so, what kind, or if you put our colors on the pledgling, or finally, if you do as we do here, wait until initiation to introduce the girls. We have discussed the question of what is wisest to do, quite a good deal, and should like to know how other chapters do. The girls maintain that it is not wise to publish the date of pledging by a pin or colors, as frequently it is advantageous to have our rivals think a girl pledged when she isn't. On the other hand it seems only fair to the girl to acknowledge her in some way before the time of initiation. Precedence carries much weight, so tell us what you do.

One of our girls, Maud Case, spent her vacation in France and now entertains us with accounts of her episodes, mishaps and travels. Most of us, however, spent the summer quietly at home or recuperating at some lake.

Two new buildings have been erected on our university grounds since last spring—a Medical Building and a Chemical Laboratory for the use of the Medics. There are now nine buildings on our campus.

Well, girls, I wish you all the best of success and hope you all will secure the brightest, prettiest, truest, and most womanly girls in your institutions.

AVIS WINCHELL GRANT.

## XI ; UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Dear Sisters:—You have all been at your work so long, that I doubt not you are once more quite settled in the old ways, and have already gathered your flock of freshmen around you ; but this is our first week here at the University of Michigan. A very busy week it has been—looking after new girls for Delta Gamma, trying to help the helpless freshmen, settling the new chapter house, and arranging for the work of the coming semester. All this kept the girls very busy, and now we are beginning to see the fruit of all the labor.

This year we have a fraternity house even pleasanter than any before, with seven girls in the house and the others rooming near and boarding with the fraternity.

The class of '96 seems to have more than the usual number of very fine girls, and the chapter has been busy making the acquaintance of these same girls and trying to persuade them to come with our number. Four have already accepted, but as we have not yet pledged them, I shall keep their names secret till the next letter.

Saturday night, October 1st, we gave an autumn party, which was very pretty and exceedingly successful. Tomorrow night we have another informal gathering ; but the times we enjoy most are those when we can invite one or two new girls to tea with us, and have a quiet evening of music and fun together. I wonder how the older girls ever entertained without a house of their own ; it means everything to us now.

With best wishes for Delta Gamma's prosperity in all her chapters.

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## SIGMA ; NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Sigma's autumn campaign opened the first night of the term with a party at the home of Miss Sara Parkes, and we have so much evidence of its being successful as to enable us to introduce to the general fraternity a new pledge, Miss Grace Paine.

Miss Louise Redfield entertained the chapter most delightfully at five o'clock tea during the first week of school, and Miss Alice Jones and Miss Julia Murray opened their rooms in the women's hall for the jolliest "spread" imaginable the evening of September 27th, on which occasion a sophomore, Miss Elizabeth Pegram, decided to wear our

anchor. Miss Pegram made the sixth prospective initiate, and many plans were discussed for the ceremony, which took place Saturday evening, the 1st of October. Though a rain in the afternoon caused a change in our arrangements, it was the most successful initiation in the history of the chapter. Misses Alice Jones, Julia Murray, Nettie J. Hill, Elizabeth Pegram, Ethel Babcock and Cornelia Weinhardt braved the terrors and are now Delta Gammas in every sense of the word.

We were so fortunate as to have with us that evening some of our older sisters, Misses Anna Crandon, Harriett Kimball and Alida White, Mrs. Hattie Butler-Judd and Mrs. Rose Birch-Hitt.

Sigma feels that her only weakness this year is her good opinion of herself. She has a pretty new hall, and boasts fifteen active members, a larger number than for years before. Moreover, her gain in numbers has been at no sacrifice of any of her principles as to quality, and she claims more ardently than ever faultless harmony and perfect congeniality.

HELEN H. BOCK.

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TAU ; STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

The girls of Tau are glad to again send their greeting and best wishes to their Delta Gamma sisters.

Our girls are back, very eager for work in all lines. The Fraternity begins this year with six active members, and in every way in better condition than last year. Our members have been somewhat scattered during the summer, but have all seen more or less of each other.

One of our best members, Mary Alford, has gone to Wellesley, where, she writes, there are several Delta Gamma girls to keep up their interest.

One of our last year's members, Mary Holt, is teaching, and as she is near us, we expect to see her often. In fact, we expect now to take our next new member out to Tipton to initiate her. We can go on Saturday and spend the day, and anticipate quite a jolly time. We have, so far, found but few desirable girls in the new class, but of course are not as yet very well acquainted with many. We have our first initiation to-night — a very bright freshman girl, who lives in Iowa City. Eva Kettlewell is in every way a very desirable member, and we consider ourselves fortunate in securing her for one of our members. We hope, before the close of the year, to secure a good many more, and to have

as good a chapter as we had last year, and many enjoyable times, which we hope all our sisters will have.

MARGARET GLEASON.

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CHI ; CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

To me it is a matter of regret that our dear friend, the Anchora, comes around but four times a year, for my fountain pen dries up in the intervals and both ink and thoughts forget their flow, until Miss Firkins' never-failing postal starts the spring again. I wish that writing to you were more of a habit, girls, then I might know you better.

The Alpha Phis have been having a convention at Syracuse. Several of the delegates stopped here for a day or two on their way west. Talking with one of them, she said: "Oh, you know we have only eight Chapters and we meet in convention every year, so that we know each other well, by name and reputation, at least.

Now we D. G.'s don't know each other well, either by name or fame." Is our family too large, too scattered, too diverse in its interests, or what? You know that the children of large families always have better health and more fun at least than other youngsters. So ought we. Let's ! !

But this is a digression. I didn't mean to begin with a scolding. Five summer months stretch between our last and our present greeting. What has come to us and from us between the months of June and November? Most of it is Interval, from the college stand-point, although it embraces an end and a beginning. Commencement seems to most heart-sick seniors, ill-named, for it expresses to them the end of everything, although it is really only a beginning of all ends. At Cornell, last spring, it was unusually exciting, because in addition to the regular and manifold exercises of graduation, we had races on our own Cayuga—the Varsity Crew with University of Penn., and the Freshmen with Columbia. You know, of course, Cornell's eminence on the water, and you have heard of Lake Cayuga's beauty—but neither glory can unseen be realized. Then came Commencement Day and our two seniors received their sheepskins along with Prexy's Latin speech. And our Frances was class essayist and stood up there, the pride of our heart, the cynosure of all eyes, the recipient of all applause.

Then came the sad partings and scatterings to the four winds of Heaven.

In the summer, one's college life seems a dream—vividly real but only a dream. The people around one cannot understand the vital importance of class, frat., college interests. They seem to think we are playing at life. The summer passes, for most of us, I think, rather gayly—at mountain, lake or seashore, or else very restfully in some cool farm house, or quiet city home. Few of us have worked hard. To some of us even the summer—that interval in our real working life—has brought trouble. One of us has lost a dear father, another a little brother, another has spent long days at the bedside of a sick mother, and perhaps most of us have had some long sleepless nights on the threshold of our own hearts, fearing to enter because of the tumult within. There is no interval after all, girls. All life is real.

But here we are back again, reunited. We are seventeen strong; two seniors, seven juniors, six sophomores, one special and one honorary member. Rich in numbers, we are consequently lazy, and efforts in rushing have rather to be encouraged, this year, than repressed.

Several of the girls bring friends with them, and as rushing, like charity, begins at home, we need scarcely stir beyond our own doors for repletion. We have been delighted to receive, for the first time in the annals of Chi, a ready-made Delta Gamma, Miss Rose Mills '94, who comes to us from Xi. We have news from Eta chapter through Miss Bertha Claypole, who is here for advanced work, and tells us many pleasant things of Delta Gamma girls at Buchtel.

A week ago we gave a party to the new girls, all of them, regardless of special predilections. We entertained them as royally as was in our power, with music, refreshments, games, pantomimes, and ghost stories. When I go to a girl's spread, where the girls sit on the floor and talk easily and naturally and eagerly and well, and sing and laugh and are as delightful as only girls can be, I sometimes feel a pang of regret to think that I am a "Co-ed" and not a Vassar or Wellesly girl, that my bright ideas and devices are suppressed by the constant presence of hopelessly critical masculine stupidity.

The number of girls here is unusually large, this year. They seem to have forgotten that they "lose caste" by going to college, above all to a coeducational institution, and to have taken a new lease on "caste." The old-time dormitory, The Sage, is full, and besides that two annexes have started up and many girls are boarding about independently.

The weather has lately been glorious. The coloring about



here is gorgeous, the deep uncertain blues and greens and grays of our full-bosomed lake, the parti-colored foliage of the hills, and the forests that look as if they had been quarantined, and every yellow leaf were a danger signal.

We have a new president, you know. Dr. Schurmann has already our deepest loyalty. He is a man of most magnetic influence; he draws us to him. Cornell! Schurmann! are names we love.

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Since writing the above, Chi has lost a friend. Ernest Holbrook, son of Mrs. Holbrook, our dearly-loved honorary member, died Friday evening, under very sad circumstances. While testing a water wheel at Niagara Falls, he was struck in the head. He was picked up for dead and although he lived for five days, never recovered consciousness. His mother and sister are in Europe. Our hearts ache for them in their sorrow.

H. CHEDIE CONNOR.

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PHI; UNIVESITY OF COLORADO.

Vacation with its many pleasures, visits, journeys and rest is now a thing of the past, and we are again united in old university halls with a renewed zeal for this year's work and an ever loyal love for Delta Gamma.

Last year we made an agreement with the Pi Phi fraternity of this college that at the commencement of this term we would do no rushing, carry on no conversations with members of the school on any fraternity subject except in reply to questions, and ask no one to join us until the last Friday of October when both fraternities are to send out written invitations to whom they desire. Those invited are requested to make inquiries regarding both fraternities, to take one week to consider it and to reply in writing. This plan is very successful so far, but we are anxiously waiting the last of October, for we hope to make some very desirable additions to our ranks.

At the close of the spring term we gave a party in University building. About two hundred invitations were sent. The kindness of Pres. Baker and members of the Faculty, the interest and good feeling shown us all, and the thoroughly good time we ourselves had, made us feel well pleased with the evening.

Extensive preparation, are being made for the initiation

of Jennie Wise and May Fuller, whom we pledged last year.  
BERTHA ROOT.

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## OMEGA; UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

As I sit in my room this evening looking back over the past life of Omega, or at least the past two years, and then to her future prospects, I wonder if things look as bright to all our sisters as they do to us. I sincerely hope they do, and bid you all hearty welcome. Another fall is upon us and with it comes all the trials and tribulations, as well as the joys attendant upon the rushing season.

When we came back this fall, we were not the lightest hearted girls in the world by any means. We are comparatively few in numbers this year, having only twelve active members, and it was hard to see how we could get along without our three seniors of last year who were always willing to take the burdens from off our shoulders. But with this fact before us, we come back determined to work with a will and not let Delta Gamma fall behind, and before one week of school had past the clouds began to separate and we could once more see the bright sun peeping through the gray mists. At present we have four new freeshmen, Miss Charlotte B. Freeman of Madison, Miss Alice Foltz of Burlington, Miss Jessie Hand of Racine and Miss Susie Drake of Milwaukee. The victory which we achieved in getting Miss Freeman we are very proud of, for as I said before, she is a Madison girl and we have been working for her against the Kappas since last winter term, and at times it seemed as if we were doomed to see her wear the key; but this proved to be untrue, and when she pledged to us it seemed as if we could not wait to see her pinned; consequently she was taken into the mystic circle of Delta Gamma last Thursday night, and the goat being in good trim did his part nobly, as any good Delta Gamma goat should. The other three freshmen are still only wearing the omega, it being impossible for them to join until later.

We are only working for two more—Miss Bostwick and Miss Moseley of Janesville.

Miss Bostwick has a cousin who is one of our active members, while on the other hand, Miss Moseley has a cousin in Kappa, and as they seem determined to both do the same thing we are anxiously waiting to see which cousin comes out ahead.

My chapter letter would hardly be complete without mentioning our new chapter-house.

It is the first time Omega has ever tried anything of the kind, and I assure you we are very much pleased with it. It seems so good to have a home with only those people that you think most of around you. Our chaperone Mrs. Crane is everything that could be desired, being one of the sweetest ladies I ever knew.

Fearing that I have taken up more space now than I should, I will close, wishing you all every possible success.

M. ADA WALKER.

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PSI ; WOMAN'S COLLEGE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

The members of Psi chapter have returned from their pleasant vacation to take up their college work. It doesn't seem possible that the summer has come and gone and that we are really back in Baltimore once more.

We had our first meeting last Saturday evening, and after all matters of importance were settled, each one gave an account of her various experiences, the amount of work done, and the many new plans for this college year.

One of our girls had the pleasure of visiting Ann Arbor during the summer. She was able to give us a very interesting description of the place, and especially of the chapter houses, and many other things in connection with fraternity life.

One of our members is now in Germany, where she has been since last June, and will not return before next spring. She has promised to write to our chapter and give us an account of her travels and the many curious customs of our foreign sisters.

During the summer, we had a circulating letter, which was a grand success. It was so delightful to hear from all the girls, and to know where they were and what they were doing.

College has opened this year with the most promising prospects. Two annexes and the college home are filled with students, many of whom are quite far advanced. Two have entered the senior class.

We hope to do good work in our chapter this year. Four girls will be initiated very soon, and we have every reason to believe that we shall have two of the new girls join us shortly.

With kindest wishes for our sister chapters, we are,  
Yours in Delta Gamma,                      LOUISE TULL.

## PERSONALS.

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### ALPHA.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McMillen was brightened by the arrival of a sweet baby boy, about two months ago, Hugh by name.

Miss Elizabeth Forsythe, '89, was married at her home in Deerfield, Ohio, Sept. 7th, 1892, to Mr. Will Kyle of West Farmington, Ohio.

At the residence of her parents, Canton, Ohio, Miss Georgiana E. Dowds was united in marriage to Perry Van Horne, Sept. 14th, 1892.

Mrs. Carrie Shrimp Goss of Omaha, Neb., is visiting her parents on Union Avenue, and has been attending our meetings.

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### ETA.

Miss Inez Perry, '91, holds a position on the "Akron Daily Democrat."

Mrs. H. C. Jacobs, nee Griffin, is the proud possessor of a baby girl.

Miss Bessie Kingsbury, '87, is teaching Latin and literature in the Defiance, O., Normal School.

Miss Grace Sieberling and Mr. William S. Chase were married at the home of the bride's parents, September 1st, 1892. They will make their home in Akron.

Three of Eta's girls are now in Wellesly College. Miss Emma Phinney, formerly of the class of '93 at Buchtel, is taking a regular course. Miss Kate L. McGillicuddy, '90, is a candidate for a master's degree, while Miss Josephine Chaney, '92, is doing graduate work in literature and history.

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### LAMBDA.

Mary Mortensen, ex-'90, is teaching in the public schools of Faribault, Minn.

Lana Countryman, '90, is assistant principal in the high school at Stillwater, Minn.

Anna Strohmeier, ex-'92, and Clara Pratt, ex-'94, are en-

gaged as teachers in the public schools of Minneapolis, Minn.

Francis Montgomery, '91, is engaged in Kindergarten work in St. Paul, Minn.

Louise Montgomery, '90, is professor of literature in the college at Pasadena, California.

Florence Gideon, '88, is re-engaged as assistant principal in the high school at Hastings, Minn.

Mary Weber, '89, is teaching in the high school at Owatonna, Minn.

Clara Baldwin, '92, is an assistant in the Public Library of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mary Bassett, besides completing this year her course in the scientific department of the university, enters this fall the medical department with the intention of becoming a practicing physician.

The sympathy of all Delta Gamma's will be extended to three of Lambda's members when they learn of their sad bereavements. In May last Katriana and Anna Strohmeier's father, Rev. A. Strohmeier, passed quietly and unexpectedly into the broader life beyond, and in July last, Mrs. B. F. Hays, the mother of our Amy Hays-Hinshaw, also entered into her rest. Our love, in our short sightedness, would protect our girls from such sorrow, but we can only commend them to Him "Who doeth all things well."

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#### XI.

Miss Mattie Eddy of '92 has accepted a position in the Sagniauw High School, and Miss Ada Tarbell, who graduated in the same class, is at Mt. Clemens. Our third Senior of last year, Miss Krolik, is spending her winter at home in Detroit.

June 23, Gertrude Richard, one of the class of '94, was married to Mr. Carson, of Cairo, Mich., and now after a delightful summer of travel, they have commenced the new home keeping at Cairo.

Mrs. Howard Avery is the new way we have of writing Lizzie Northrup's name.

Of our girls of '91, Miss Zuick and Miss Hubbard are in the same places as last year, and Miss Flemming has become Mrs. Sullivan of Buffalo. But Harriet Lovell is going the farthest from us. She is just about now starting for Turkey, where she is to teach in one of the Mission Schools. She is

the first one of our members to go out to such a field of labor, and even she does not know how much love and interest she takes with her.

Dr. Mary Thompson Stevens, who went west with her husband directly after her marriage in the spring, has returned to Detroit, believing there is no place like it anywhere else.

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SIGMA.

In April last many of our girls were grieved to hear of the sad trouble which had befallen one of our own sisters, that an ideal home had been entered by death, and Mary Bonnifield Hormel had lost her husband.

Miss Aurora Thompson Fisk, '90, was married to Mr. Charles W. Zenblin, *B & II*, at noon, June 18th, in the First M. E. Church. After the ceremony a reception was held, at the home of Dr. Fisk, at which five of the bride's Delta Gamma sisters assisted in serving the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Zenblin spent the summer in England, and will make their home in Chicago. Mr. Zenblin is associated with the Chicago University Extension work.

Miss Eva Swan, ex. '94, was married to Mr. Albert Winder, at the bride's home in Elgin, Illinois, August 6th. Mr. and Mrs. Winder will make their home in Alpine, Texas.

Miss Crandon and Miss Kimball are at home from a year in Europe, and are teaching in Preparatory, or as it is known now, the Academy.

Miss Antoinette Meinhardt is teaching this year in the public school in her home in Burlington, Wisconsin.

Miss Ethel Baker, '92, is taking a graduate course in Chicago University, and Miss Helen Babcock, '92, enters Mrs. Willard's school in Berlin, Germany, in November.

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CHI.

During the summer, Anna Windman, '88, who has for several years taught mathematics in the Ithaca High School, was married to Mr. Jas. Bronson, a member of the N. Y. "World" staff. Mr. Bronson is now doubly connected with Delta Gamma, as his sister is also one of our Senior members. Mr. and Mrs. Bronson are now living in Brooklyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Tourneure, both old Cornellians, are to make their home in Madison, Wis., during the

coming year, where Mr. Tourneure will hold a professorship in civil engineering. Mrs. Tourneure will be remembered as Donna Stewart of the class of '90.

Mrs. Richard Gesner, formerly Ida Brett, '89, writes us of the arrival of a little girl named Gertrude, who will probably be a very important factor in her household.

Most of our recent graduates are teaching. Carrie Adsitt, '91, retains her place at Tonawanda, as does Bertha Reed, '91, at Geneva, and Ina Genung, '91, at Corning. Ola Capron, '91, has gone to Beaver, Penn., to make a new beginning there.

Mabel Wood, formerly of '93, but more recently of '92, at the Genesee Normal School, is teaching at Aurora.

Emma MacLauchlin—whose rythmical name deserves to be immortalized in Adonic verse—is no longer "special student" but is teaching at Kline, N. Y.

Of our two most recent graduates, Mary Potter, '92, is at her home North Easton, lovingly caring for an invalid father. The other Frances Elizabeth Holman Flint—"the wonderful attraction of the class of '92" as the legend has it, who for four years has been a power in Delta Gamma and a shining light at Cornell, is teaching Latin and Greek in the Jamestown High School.

We miss the girls much, especially our most recent losses as those to which we have not yet hardened our hearts—but I think that we each and all have a particularly and peculiarly lost feeling when we think of Mrs. Holbrook, who for two years has been to us a very present help in time of trouble. She with her daughter Lottie is in Paris, and writes delightfully of her enjoyment there.

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PHI.

Zena Whitley spent the summer at Saratoga, N. Y., and is now taking graduate work.

Mrs. Maude Gardener spent the summer at Santa Barbara, Cal.

Mamie Johnson and Helen Beardsley, who have spent the last two years in Europe, have returned and the latter is teaching French and German in Illinois.

## EXCHANGES.

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The contributions that come to the exchange editor's desk in the course of a year form a motley collection of fraternity journals, sample copies of periodicals, weekly papers, public documents, advertising circulars, and complimentary tickets to distant state fairs. Some of these donations come intermittently, some regularly. We have learned to expect the Annual Report of the U. S. Treasurer, and we involuntarily shudder when we recognize the blue envelope that encloses the request we receive seventeen times a year from the man who wants statistical information in regard to ANCHORA, her nature, purpose and circulation, even her age. Then, there is the Chicago firm that will not be discouraged, but in spite of our continued unresponsiveness, cheerfully persists in the endeavor to induce Delta Gamma to purchase a printing-press and be independent. This suggestion always appears to us to be slightly ironical; we realize painfully our own insignificance in reflecting that the deluded advertiser cannot possibly be acquainted even with ANCHORA's limitations. We may be over-sensitive, but can we regard with anything but suspicion the sheet that offers us a special reduction on revolvers? Is a covert insinuation that Delta Gamma is strong-minded hidden in that circular? Perhaps the most tantalizing contribution of all is the state fair ticket that always reads: "Admit the bearer and *wife*." Very probably the editor would not travel from Minnesota to Texas, anyway, for the sake of gaining free admission to something she did not wish to see, but it is hard to be deprived of the privilege of using a complimentary in such an underhanded way as this. Sometimes a paper of genuine interest comes to the table, and sometimes an enticing title induces us to read something less standard than the *Century* or *Forum*. For instance, during a recent



and severe attack of imbecility, we read the greater part of the contents of two pamphlets devoted to campaign songs, the jingles of which haunt us still, and which have had the disastrous effect of rendering our politics more obscure and undecided than ever. But be it *Printers' Ink* or a petition to open the World's Fair on Sunday, the Postmaster General's Bulletin or *Our Dumb Animals*, (sent in consideration of the goat?) we cordially welcome these ill-assorted guests to our table, and with entire impartiality, ultimately consign them all to the democratic hospitality of our commodious waste basket.

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Opening last year's *Arrow* at random, we find the following description of a "Dutch treat" quoted from *Kappa Alpha Journal*, with a commentary so astonishing that we begin to believe the merciful forbearance of the exchanges (other than ANCHORA) is something superhuman:

According to this method, the president of the alumni society, at his discreation, sends out postal cards calling upon alumni to meet on Lee's birthday at a certain hour of the evening in the large supper-room of a certain restaurant. After it is seen how many are present, the president gives orders to the waiters to bring in oysters in several styles, wines, cigars, beers, cigarettes, etc., and these are consumed *ad libitum*. The eating loosens the tongues of the alumni, who are often strangers to each other, and they enjoy themselves hugely. After everybody has come to the cigar or cigarette, the president sends for the bill, counts noses, and performs an arithmetical operation. When the result is announced those present come forward and pay their *pro rata* at once, and elapse into the smoke and flood of witty reminiscence. The cost is seldom over \$1.25 apiece—not enough to deter anybody from coming to the next meeting.

This inelaborate and pay-as-you-go plan might be adopted by our alumni chapters and state associations with success. Its informality is its charm. Stiffness is costly and repellant, and may make it impracticable to the average Kappa Alpha to stand more than one meeting. Social intercourse is, of course, the object. But intercourse is easier when edible substance, however simple, is in process of destruction.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Try everything until some whomlesomely-working method is found. A "Dutch treat" is certainly sufficiently democratic. The Pi Beta Phis have had spreads of this kind from the beginning. And there is not a member, we are sure, does not bless the day of their initiation—we mean the spread initiation as well as the young lady's. It is just the opportunity to talk over new girls, new plans, everything that is desirable to discuss in a committee of the whole." —*Arrow of Pi Beta Phis.*

Girls! Girls! Do you mean it? No wonder the *Kappa Alpha Journal* believes in the subordination of women.

A writer in *The Key* observes:

"In carefully observing fraternity life, one cannot but feel that there lurks among our chapters an undertow of unwise and fallacious discrimination as to the election of members, which is insidiously dragging us into a deep sea of dethroned power. We lose sight of our ideal. The purpose of the fraternity, I venture to say, is not thought of when a name is presented for consideration. One cannot feel otherwise when you are approached with such queries, "Is she a special, a sophomore or freshman?"

It is evidently not character for which we are searching, but it is most emphatically what we need.

ANCHORA feels that there is a truth expressed in the first sentence that might profitably be taken as a rebuke to all sororities. The impulsive haste and rash precipitatensness of the first week of the fall term are inconsistent with the principles upon which women's fraternities are founded, and we trust that the time is not far distant when some arrangement will be made by the sororities which will do away with this unbecoming haste and place all of our societies in a more dignified position. However, in our opinion the question "Is she a special, sophomore or a freshman," is pertinent. Conscious of the exceptions we feel that as a rule the answer to that question goes quite a distance towards establishing the candidates eligibility. It usually establishes her intellectual status, with something like accuracy. The three graces of a fraternity girl should be scholarship, character and manners, and the least of these is not scholarship.

By her voluntary confession that she reads as little of the contents of fraternity journals as is compatible with the fulfillment of the duties of that state of life to which it has pleased Delta Gamma to call her, the editor of ANCHORA has incurred the well-deserved censure of her sister editors. Witness these remarks from the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*:

"From *The Key* we clip the following:

'Delta Gamma is curious to know if the exchange editors read the exchanges. If so, as she thinks must be the case with some, how do they do it? There is one exchange editor who does read the exchanges, and that one claims some of the admiration and awe that Delta Gamma feels for such resolution and such a "high, ascetic ideal of duty." How do we do it? By dint of much patience and trial, accompanied, we must add, by some discouragement. But, after all, virtue brings its reward. There are some delights to gladden us as we pursue our weary way among the exchanges.'

Yes, and here is another exchange editor who reads the exchanges and enjoys it, too. Of course we do not read the translations from Levy nor the essays on Walt Whitman, but we do read the editorials, the chapter letters, the personals and all articles bearing upon fraternity interests. In fact, we supposed that is what we exchanged magazines for, and can not well see how one could be able to intelligently write upon exchanges without reading them. The work upon this quarterly has been, so far, a labor of love both to the editors and publisher, and while glad to be relieved of the labor—for no one knows until he has tried it how laborious it is—yet it is also with no little regret that we pass the work on to other hands. The exchanges will be missed from our table, but we do not intend to grow rusty on fraternity news. We shall daily pray not only to be delivered from temptation, but from narrowness as well."—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

ANCHORA willingly admits the superior position of the *Key* and the *Quarterly* upon this matter, and we render the awe and admiration that the *Key* rightly claims as due for her self-sacrifice. We can only explain our deficiency in this respect by acknowledging our own inferiority. We have no "patience," and we do not enjoy "trial," and that virtue is ever left to be "its own reward" has always been a

source of discontent with us, for we consider it a very shabby remuneration. And to the *Quarterly's* disdainful reflections, we can but reply that we have never made any pretensions of "intelligently writing upon the exchanges," and we don't see why we should be accused of such a thing. But notwithstanding the multitude of her faults, ANCHORA bears no malice, and if the retiring editor of the *Quarterly* feels so sad at the thought of receiving no more exchanges, we will cheerfully do our part towards alleviating her affliction by continuing to send the ANCHORA to her address. However, if she wants to be "delivered from narrowness," our advice would be, resign from a fraternity. In a case of this kind, we believe in the Catholic doctrine of salvation by works, not through prayers.

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In his closing remarks for the season, the editor of *Greek Press* in *Kappa Alpha Journal* states his general platform of brotherly love and impartial criticism, and remarks:

"It has been his aim not to throw a single arrow which would leave a lasting sting, and in this he trusts he has succeeded. At the expense of several of the ladies' journals, some humor has been indulged in, but none know better than these same dear girls that it was in a kindly spirit."

This *naive* explanation of numerous curiosities in the way of criticisms is as refreshing as it is artless. We are glad to have the *Journal's* unique literary style labelled. The "humor" has sometimes been of so peculiar a character that we might not have detected its presence but for this explanation. For instance (of course it is personal pique that prompts this crushing sarcasm), the *Journal*, commenting upon ANCHORA in the mid-summer number, expresses himself as follows:

"ANCHORA for April is waiting for the adaptation of the *Greek Press* to the spirit in which it is writ, so before opening the cover, the writer avows his firm and unshaken belief in the equality of man; that man means woman; that he believes in education and co-education; in universal suf-

frage, with the universal meaning limited to man, as above defined."

After further indulging in some light-minded remarks upon prevailing fashions, the writer concludes:

"And now having endeavored to occupy ANCHORA's frame of mind, the cover is turned, and behold, even the motto of that journal is a commend of the process through which the *Greek Press* has gone, and the position at which it has arrived—'The union of souls is an anchor in storms;' and how can there be a union of souls, save by identity of interest and impulse? 'Two souls with but a single thought,' etc."

The ANCHORA gratefully appreciates the *Journal's* gallant endeavor to "enter into her frame of mind," and regrets that the endeavor was so signal a failure. Motives of charity prompt us to discourage our esteemed contemporary from similar attempts in the future. ANCHORA's frame of mind does not fit the *Journal*; it is obviously too large.

The *Journal's* impressions of the women's fraternity organs are thus expressed:

"A perfect writer of the *Greek Press* would have to appear clothed in as many different humors as the seaside girl's costumes, and change them as often; for while there is a certain similarity in sentiment generally pervading the *Greek press*, it is at time apparently subordinated to the special 'spirit that its author writ' in, in certain compositions upon the expediency of fraternity policy. (Perhaps it would be more true to amend by striking out next to the last word in the foregoing sentence and substituting therefore the word sorority, but for fear of offending the sentence will be allowed to stand as writ.) For instance, when one reviewed ANCHORA he would have to assume that there is a common destiny of man, and would then have to modify the word destiny by limiting it to this earth's actions, while giving to the word man a wider and more comprehensive meaning than that ordinarily ascribed thereto; and in commenting upon *The Key*, the 'clasp of the hand such as only a Kappa can give' would be the inspiring spirit, while daisies and pansies and pretty posies, wafted by the ocean breezes until the leaves and stems of the dainty flowers formed the letters of the judges' comments of the *Kappa Alpha Theta*.

Less euphonious, more matter of fact, and probably with an intervening medium would the critic's mind meditate upon the *Trident*, for while it paints the pansies and print poetry, it affects disregard of all save the intellectual or utilitarian. And so on down the list to the *Record* and *Beta Theta Pi* the same rule prevails, and he would indeed be a versatile genius who could adopt himself to those circumstances which would constitute him a perfect judge."

Again we disagree with our critic. When the *Journal* asserts that in reviewing ANCHORA one must "assume that there is a common destiny of man" and that "man means woman," he mistakes our platform. ANCHORA is very far from believing in the "common destiny of man," so far indeed, that she disputes the truth of the first clause of constitution of the United States. *Other things being equal* we believe in the common destiny of men, yes—and of women, without regard to race, color or previous condition of servitude, not otherwise.

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The first number of "*The College Fraternity*," the new organ devoted to the interests of Pan-Hellenism, has just reached our table. The editor invites the support of all Greeks and writes:

"The members of the college fraternity world agree in all things and differ in none. They all are endeavoring to achieve the same end and all are making use of the same means. There is between all college fraternities and all of their members a community of interest. We believe that that community of interest has never been properly fostered and developed. We believe that in the development of this common interest between members of all college fraternities is the secret of the greater successes that are yet to be accomplished and the key to their correct solution. We believe that every gain for one fraternity is a gain for all. We believe that the American College Fraternity system is but in the dawn of its useful career and that the successes it has scored in the past simply foreshadow what it is destined to accomplish. These are the reasons for the existence of THE COLLEGE FRATERNITY."

The "*College Fraternity*" will be issued monthly during the college year. The price is two dollars a year and subscriptions should be sent to Mr. F. M. Crossett, P. O. Box 2887, New York City.

This is the sort of fraternity enterprise that should be encouraged. A Pan-Hellenic organ properly and impartially conducted ought to become a power for good among all fraternities, and the movement deserves substantial support. It will repay every chapter of Delta Gamma to subscribe for the paper.

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## THE GIRL WHO HAS NOTHING TO DO.

There is a variety of reasons why (and when you come to think of it there is for almost everything) some girls have, in popular opinion, nothing to do.

Limiting the class to college girls for the moment: they have come home educated—presumably—and full of new interests, but for some one of the number of reasons suggested above they may decide to settle down at home and—in the judgment of their neighbors—do nothing.

Delusion of the ignorant!

Idle fancy of unseeing eyes and unhearing ears!

Gentle readers—why are readers called gentle when they are so often *ungentle*?—if you are chasing the *ignis fatuus* of rest among girls who “have nothing to do,” be warned in time that your labor is in vain. Wearied in mind and body with your clients or your patients or your pupils, you have sighed vainly for the estate of the girl who, free from worry and hurry, has nothing to do! Change places with your sister for a week, and, if then you do not long for your old way, your benevolence, your charity, your strength and courage are unbounded and inexhaustible.

You ask me for the person who gives the most for the least return, whose time and strength is least her own, who is least understood and least appreciated, and I point you to the girl who “has nothing to do!” From Monday morning till Sunday night there is no respite from the multiple and multifarious calls which come to her.

Her church comes first usually. “Miss —— is at home now and has nothing to do, she will take a class in Sunday School, or she will play, or she will sing in the choir,” as the

case may be. She is made chairman of inert committees for various organizations; she is requested to prepare papers for meetings of different sorts on all sorts of unexplored topics; she is begged to arrange programs for entertainments, furnish suitable recitations and music for the children taking part, and to drill the performers. Every request is prefaced with the statement that "as you are not busy, etc.," and is couched in such flattering terms as to make anything but a cheerful acquiescence impossible. So she spends her days going to rehearsals and meetings, helping to carry on every kind of work, social, religious, educational, philanthropic—looked to by everyone for assistance in all sorts of things till few are the moments she can call her own.

All her cherished plans for reading, painting or writing, fly to the winds. Instead of pictures she makes bread (an' its good bread your college girl can make, too). Instead of fashioning dainty *mouchoir* cases she helps to mend the rents which any day may bring forth in the garments of Young America. She helps to get hard examples in fractions and hears spelling lessons. She dreams of great novels and wakes to write a receipt for mixed pickles. Because she has nothing to do, she takes a sick teacher's place at school; because she is not busy she stays in her father's office several hours a week; because she is not needed anywhere, she takes care of a sick baby while its worn-out mother rests. Because she has nothing to do she is the busiest young woman in town from one week's end to the other, and when, at the close of a day on which she has written a paper for the missionary society on the "Nature of the Soudanese," sent a long letter of information to the chairman of the Board of Lady Managers, studied her Sunday School lesson, mended her gloves and attended choir rehearsal—she receives at night this request from the editor of her fraternity journal, and a *former* friend, "you haven't anything to do, so please write me a good, interesting, original and appropriate article upon some new, important, instructive and suitable subject. Send by Dec. 15th and oblige, Yours, etc."

This is the last straw. The girl who has nothing to do *tumbles* (there is no word but this most ungraceful one which expresses her utter collapse) into bed with a fervent wish that, if this is doing nothing, may she at once find something to do!

Do you want to try it, my sister, doctor, lawyer, teacher or waiter? If you do you may hear of a good place to do nothing which you may have without charge by addressing

ONE WHO KNOWS.

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#### THE IDEAL CHAPTER.

A friend of mine said to me, half bitterly, "A fraternity is a great thing, is it not?" To which I replied that the ideal fraternity is. But the ideal fraternity does not exist, though there are varying degrees of perfection in the different chapters.

The freshman just entering into fraternity life, thinks that she is to enjoy unalloyed happiness; that the vows of love and friendship she has so recently heard are to be fulfilled to the letter. A year or two of association with other human, usually very human, girls in the intimacy of chapter life, will teach her that something beside love and friendship is needed. Patience, tact, forbearance, ought to occupy a larger place in our minds; we need them more in the wear and tear of life than we do love. Indeed, patience is the highest proof of love, and for this reason, we girls, united by a common bond, and living in intimacy with each other, need to learn to be patient with each other's failings. We none of us can be perfect, because we are all only human, and therefore the ideally perfect chapter can not exist; but we can all approximate to the model. Patience! Patience! Patience! is the talisman to success and happiness.

In number, the ideal chapter is small, not exceeding ten, or, at most, twelve. There are two reasons why a small chapter is better than a large one. In the first place, a small chapter has a better standing among outsiders, both

members of other fraternities, and independents. A conservative policy lends dignity to a fraternity, and it is certainly more of an honor to be invited to join a fraternity, whose local chapter is noted for the carefulness with which it extends its invitations, than one to which anyone with a well-filled pocket book and a pleasing appearance can expect to be invited.

In the second place, a small chapter works together more harmoniously than a large one. In a large chapter there are cliques, sometimes with no malice toward each other, yet working against each other in a way that is fatal to harmony and success. And the chance of a bitter feeling between two factions is a thing to be most carefully guarded against. The chapter is the place where "liberty, equality and fraternity" should be shown forth most perfectly. Any attempt to extend one's personal influence beyond its proper limit, is wrong, and out of harmony with the true fraternity spirit. "In honor preferring one another," is the Bible expression of the same truth.

Every girl who is invited to join Delta Gamma ought to have three cardinal virtues, if I may call them that. She ought to be a hard-working, successful student, standing well in the estimation of her teachers, and aiming to be as near the first in her classes as hard work will carry her. She ought to have a social nature, to take an interest in her fellow-students, to be accustomed to good society, in its best meaning the society of refined, educated, and well-bred people. In her personal make-up, she ought to possess the capacity to be thoughtful of the feelings of her intimate friends, and the desire to be unselfish; she ought to have a character above petty maliciousness, broad enough to see good in the girl who belongs to a rival fraternity; she ought truly to desire and labor for the best success of Delta Gamma; and the best success can never come to any chapter unless we each respect and admire our sisters in the fraternity, and are willing to sacrifice our own personal good for the good of all. Unselfishness ought to be the great end and aim of all fraternity life; without it, a chapter

is hopelessly divided, and a "house divided against itself must fall." A fraternity is strong in so far as its members are warm personal friends, sharing each other's joys and sorrows, and having the same purposes and ambitions.

The ideal chapter will have no "rushing," which brings into every chapter a good many girls who are wholly undesirable, girls who have not yet shown that they have any capabilities as students, and who will never make that reputation as a student which every Delta Gamma ought to have. But they come to college, by their dress, manners, and personal appearance make a pleasing impression, and are forthwith "rushed in." After a few weeks the awakening comes, and we find we have a girl who is no special credit to the chapter, if not a positive detriment. These evils might be avoided by carefully cultivating the acquaintance of the prospective Delta Gamma, by learning her character, and her habits, and seeing what sort of a student she is, before taking the final step.

"Rushing," again, is certainly not a dignified way of doing business. Delta Gamma ought to have such a reputation that a simple invitation to join, given in a friendly, cordial manner, ought to be enough, without pestering a girl to death, until she finally consents from sheer exhaustion.

The ideal chapter has no pledged members. The pledged members of a chapter are usually too young properly to appreciate the value of a fraternity, and what its true purpose is. They cannot be told of fraternity business, and yet they cannot help surmising what is going on, and talking about it. The chapter which gives no invitation to a girl below the freshman class, certainly is more to be commended than the one which is continually looking out for girls in the preparatory classes who would "make good Delta Gammas." And I believe that the habit of not inviting a girl until she is classified high enough to be initiated, would raise the chapter higher in the estimation of the college world.

The ideal chapter has no debts. It "pays as it goes,"

and if it has not the ready cash to pay for what it wants, it goes without. The members of the ideal chapter pay their dues as soon as they possibly can, and have the matter on their hearts and consciences. In the ideal chapter, the right and duty of a secret ballot are religiously observed. "Will you vote for Miss——?" is a question which should never be asked. And if a girl whom we have desired is excluded, we should not allow any bitter feelings to linger in our hearts. Far better that we should be disappointed and conquer that natural feeling than that a girl whom all are not prepared to admire and respect should enter into our chapter life to cause discord where it is absolutely necessary to have harmony.

We each have our own ideal of chapter life; we ought each to live up to that ideal. To do so we must cultivate more diligently and persistently the habit of unselfishness, of thoughtfulness for other's comfort, and of patience and forbearance with each other's failings, "considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

GRACE COGGESHALL,  
Zeta, '94.

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#### GIRLS IN CLASS POLITICS.

In a university where an overwhelming majority of each class consists of men, the women are prone to leave to them all business relating to the class. This is not as it should be. The girls are taxed as much as the men, and we learned, long ago, that taxation without representation is tyranny. Tyrant is a strong name to apply to the average, courteous college student, but yet in some of our eastern universities, the girls are held in restraint by customs wholly unreasonable and tyrannical. Two of the class offices at Cornell, by a time-honored custom, belong to the women, but the men have not considered it necessary to consult the girls upon their choice of candidates, and so have arranged for certain young ladies on election day, the pleasant surprise of seeing their names on the ballot. As

the men form a strong majority, it is inevitable that they shall wield the larger power, but the feminine opinion ought, at least, to be known and felt. The girls ought to be more regular, than is usually the case, at class meetings, so that curiosity at sight of them may not counteract all the good influence they may have.

A week ago, a girl of '96 rose at her first class meeting and protested against the adoption of red and blue as class colors, saying that they savored too much of the Salvation Army. The debate was broken up by the shouts of laughter, but the girl won the day.

How is it with you Western "Co-eds?" I suspect that you are more emancipated than we, and perhaps some of you even subject Alma Mater to a sort of unwritten petticoat government. Tell me how you do it, if it is in any other way than by superiority of members.

LEONA BOWMAN,  
Chi.

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The state of affairs revealed by Chi's communication is something of a surprise to us "Western Co-eds". The political influence of young women at Cornell certainly seems in a very weak condition, and we do not feel competent to prescribe for such a desperate case. Patience, steady insistence, and unfailing attendance at every possible meeting, are the only remedies we can think of.

At our own University of Minnesota, the feminine vote is a very important factor in politics, but how it came to be so I cannot say. Within the memory of the present generation, it has not been otherwise, and I suspect it never was. In these days, about forty per cent of the students in the academic department are women. They can wield political power by the force of mere numbers. But such a large proportion is comparatively recent. In the class of '87, there was one girl (a Delta Gamma), and history recordeth not that she stayed away from class meetings, or failed to receive a respectful hearing. In fact, there is no case on



record where the young women have not been well received at any meeting they chose to attend. That this should be an especial boast had not occurred to us till, from the above article and other sources, we learned of the position of our eastern sisters.

We cannot claim that we have always been proportionally represented in class and other offices, but the slight disproportion may be due rather to lack of all-around ability than to greed on the part of the men. About one third of the class day parts, when the old fashioned class day exercises prevailed, one or two places out of six on the *Ariel* board, and three out of nine on the *Gopher* board have kept us from grumbling, while the election of a young lady as president of the class of '92 in its junior year, made us realize the almost total absence of discrimination against the "Co-eds."

We have one method of securing our rights when they seem in danger which I can heartily recommend. If it is rumored that the young men contemplate taking more than their fair share of offices, we meet in caucus, decide upon how many and which girls we will support, and then forgetting whether they are "barbs", Kappas, or Delta Gammas, even forgetting whether they have ability or not, we stand by them through thick or thin, and usually elect them.

Such harmonious co-operation, together with faithfulness in public duties, and a dignified self-assertion, are probably the only means in the hands of the girls for obtaining recognition in college politics. How effective they would be without a spirit of justice and true chivalry on the part of the men, and a firm stand for the equality of the sexes on the part of the faculty, we dare not prophesy.

C. N. K.  
Lambda.

## EDITORIALS.

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In view of the proposed Pan-Hellenic convention to be held in Chicago next summer, several of the sororities contemplate holding their regular conventions at that place and time, therefore it may be well to announce to the chapters that, in spite of whatever rumors to the contrary may have reached them, Delta Gamma has no intention of changing the date set two years ago, for her biennial convention. If, under any circumstances, the fraternity would have considered making the change, the fact that the suggestion was not made until after Eta's arrangements for entertaining the delegates were well under way, would be a sufficient reason for vetoing the plan. It is not necessary to enter into an extended discussion of the matter. The change of date would be unadvisable for reasons as manifold as they are obvious.

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When Delta Gamma is in convention assembled next April, there should be no chapter unrepresented. The chapters of our sorority are scattered over so wide an extent of territory, that the opportunities for meeting representatives from other institutions are few. Consequently, Delta Gamma has but a very formal acquaintance with herself. Sympathy, extended over a distance of two or three thousand miles, becomes somewhat attenuated unless directed by personal interest. But so soon as the girl from one chapter meets the girl from another, relations between the chapters become cordial and intimate, the bond begins to seem a tangible thing, and fraternity feeling not all empty sentiment. Convention is the time to gather up the loose threads

of interest and weave them into the fabric of friendship. It is an opportunity that comes but once in two years, and every chapter, in spite of distance and difficulties, should make the most of it. If even one chapter fails to be represented, the loss is not to her members alone; it is felt by the whole sorority. Next April, we wish our circle to be complete; a single break will spoil the symmetry, and therefore, we urge the distant chapters to make early and practical arrangements for sending at least one representative to Akron.

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It gives the editor pleasure to be able to announce that hereafter every chapter of  $\Delta \Gamma$  will regularly receive a copy of the journals published by  $\Pi B \Phi$ ,  $KA \Theta$  and  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ .  $A \Phi$  has not yet been heard from, but we have reason to expect that her decision will be favorable. Such an exchange cannot but prove interesting and beneficial. Fraternity women will thus be enabled to keep in touch with all sorority movements, will be brought into closer sympathy with each other, and will develop broader and more generous ideas upon the subject of inter-fraternity relations. Every chapter ought to be stimulated to better efforts and secure more satisfactory results by the knowledge of the good work their sister Greeks are doing. We regret that  $KK \Gamma$  did not see fit to ratify the exchange, not only for her sake, but for ours. The *Kcy* is a journal that we should be glad to see in all our chapter rooms, and we trust that at some future time  $KK \Gamma$  will deem it wise to reverse her present decision.

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Much space in fraternity journals during the past six months has been devoted to discussions upon the subject of mock initiations. The occasion thereof has been, of course, the tragic death of Mr. Rustin at a Yale initiation. The accident cannot have the same significance for the sororities that it has for the fraternities, but nevertheless we ought to learn

our lesson from it. The absurdities that are indulged in and the nonsensical rites that are sometimes performed before a new member is privileged to wear the Anchor have in them a sufficient element of danger to make the utmost prudence and caution necessary. The rites in themselves are innocent enough, and but for the attendant excitement would be perfectly harmless. It is the obvious duty of the older members of every chapter to insist, even at the expense of any amount of fun, that not the slightest risk of accident shall be run, that no ceremony shall be permitted which through any carelessness can endanger the health or life of the initiate, in the smallest degree. More than one chapter has probably seen nervous girls grow hysterical during the ordeal. We have heard of faintings, and have known of slight accidents that might as easily have been serious ones. If only the victim were nervous, no harm would ensue, but the ten or twenty girls who conduct the ceremonies are usually as excited as the trembling freshman, and cannot be depended upon to forsee possible danger and stop before trouble arises. If Delta Gamma must confer the tenth degree (and it would be demanding a superhuman sacrifice to ask them to dispense with it), let every member feel a personal responsibility for the safety of the initiates, and let no one hesitate to spoil one evening's fun rather than risk the faintest possibility of accident.

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So many personal as well as chapter letters come to us filled with apologies for unsatisfactory or tardy fulfillment of fraternity duties, and offering as an excuse examinations, excess of work and lack of time, that the editor is moved to preach a short sermon with this excuse for a text. Firstly, the girl who never has time enough to do the prescribed work of the curriculum, with reasonable intervals for rest and recreation, does not belong in college. Her preparation has either been insufficient or her ability is inferior. Secondly, the girl who takes upon herself, in

addition to her college work, fraternity vows and their accompanying duties, and then neglects to creditably perform either the one or the other, does not belong in Delta Gamma, for she either lacks conscience or brains. It is an undisputed fact that many girls not only perform their college duties and discharge their fraternity obligations in an entirely satisfactory manner, but in addition attend to manifold social duties. They are able to do it, not because they have better health, or brighter minds, but for reason of a larger endowment of common sense. They are the girls who know the extent of their own endurance, and who do not at any time undertake to do the work of four days in one. They know that such a course necessitates the interruption of regular work and entails an infinite amount of worry, and they protect themselves from it. Every individual has but a limited amount of nervous energy, and no one can afford to dissipate even a small fraction of it in fruitless anxiety. Consider the time and force wasted in foolish apprehension of the result of an examination. The girl who enters college presumably possesses ordinary ability; the college course is arranged with a view to extracting a reasonable amount of work from the student of ordinary endowments. It is therefore proper to assume that the examination will be such as the student ought to be prepared to pass. Let any girl consider her own experience. What proportion of her examinations has she, in the course of her student life, failed to pass? How many times has the nervous dread proved a forerunner of nothing but a high per cent. and a racking headache? College girls, who talk so much of strength of mind and the value of culture, who are supposed to have ambitions and high aims in life, should not make themselves ridiculous by either over-estimating or under-valuing their capacity for work. The first thing for them to learn is, how much they can do; the second is, to learn to refuse to do the thing that can only be accomplished by slighting more important duties. In short, girls, if you have not time, *make* it; it is easy to do after you have learned the recipe.

The editor suggests the following New Year resolutions for the consideration of the associate editors:

1. *Resolved:* That, in spite of sickness or death, the chapter letters be written.
2. That, notwithstanding examinations, receptions, or other temptations of the season, the letters be sent promptly.
3. That the letters be so written as to be worth \$1.15 per page to print.
4. That requests for literary contributions be no longer politely ignored.
5. That such contributions be written upon subjects more pertinent than Theosophy or Egyptology.
6. That all communications be written in such form that the services of an expert hieroglyphist be not required to elucidate their meaning.
7. That the constitution be read, pondered and inwardly digested, and their lives ordered thereby.
8. That no communications be sent written upon more than one side of the paper.
9. That requests for money be regarded seriously and not as humorous editorial effervescence.
10. That they forgive the editor her shortcomings and have none of their own.

### A TOAST.

[Delivered after the initiation of seven freshmen.]

An angle pure from realms celestial,  
On silent pinions borne through the ethereal blue,  
From gardens known to none celestial  
Flowers of some serener sun  
Clasped to her heart, still wet with heavenly dew.

A day of rare autumnal splendor,  
Behold this heavenly form, our Alma Mater hovering o'er—  
Ye heavenly spirits now defend her;  
Rare buds, she, from her garland loosing  
Dropped to the earth, their fragrance there to shower.

Trembling she paused and then ascending,  
Her anxious soul to harmony returned,  
For Delta Gamma fondly o'er them bending,  
Ere sullied with the contact of dull earth,  
Gathered the flowers for which she long had yearned.

Sweet buds of pure humanity unfolding,  
Fulfilling now your mission upon earth,  
We greet you. Among us your fair heads upholding,  
Perfected flowers may you become ere destined,  
To return into the realms that gave you birth.

—BERTHA STONEMAN,  
Chi.

## CHAPTER LETTERS.

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### ALPHA; MT. UNION COLLEGE.

One term of the college year has gone, and when the 17th of Nov. told us the winter term had come and we had once more assembled in chapel, Alpha found the number of Delta Gammas in college this term was greater than it had been for several terms. Alpha had ten active members at the beginning of the term, two of whose latest members she will now introduce to readers of ANCHORA, Misses Anna Hole and Lorena Jester. These dear girls have been with us for several weeks and we feel very proud of them. On Dec. 9th Miss Grace Raymond became a pledge member of Delta Gamma and we are looking to the time when she will be our own dear sister.

Miss Gertrude Warren had a very pleasant three weeks visit with relatives at Canton during the month of November.

Miss Cau, professor of French and German languages has been unable to attend to her duties at the college for the past two weeks. At present she is with friends at Marlboro in hope that the change may prove beneficial to her that she may be able to resume her work after the holidays.

Saturday, Oct. 22nd, three of the members of Alpha chapter together with about twenty from Eta were very pleasantly entertained by Miss Letta Courtney one of the girls from Eta, at the home of her sister in Salem. The day was delightfully spent and our only regret was that more of our girls were unable to be present.

One of the most interesting dates of the fall term of '92 was the evening of Oct. 31st, when a Hallow-een party was given by Delta Gamma. Quaint invitations were made out and sent to those of the opposite sex who had been selected to help us enjoy the evening. The gentlemen were kept in ignorance of the place in question until they found themselves at the home of Sister Rosa Tolerton, where we spent a very pleasant evening. Candles, jack-o'-lanterns and games suitable for the occasion were placed at our disposal and a novel menu had been prepared. One of the most



interesting features of the evening was a mock wedding after which we assembled in the dining room and anxiously awaited the wedding cake and ring. After returning to the parlor a few minutes were spent in singing Delta Gamma songs. Each one carried home a novel souvenir consisting of three chestnuts tied with tiny ribbons of bronze, pink and blue.

Miss Rosa Tolerton accompanied her aunt on quite an extended pleasure trip through the east last spring. They spent the month of May and part of June in Philadelphia and Atlantic City and while there visited many historical and interesting places, among which were Independence Hall, the Mint, Fairmount Park in which are situated William Penn's old home and General Grant's cottage, Academy of Fine Arts, Zoological Gardens, Masonic Temple and Girard College. A few days were spent in New York, from whence they went to Boston. During their sojourn here they visited Faneuil Hall, Old and New State House, King's Chapel, Trinity Church. They were present at class day and commencement exercises at Harvard College and also made a short trip to Newport. Sister Rosa returned home about the first of July very much pleased with her trip.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, of Greenville, Ill., was made bright by the arrival of a sweet little girl about three months ago. Also on Thanksgiving Day a little daughter came to gladden the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shimp of Alliance.

MATTIE HOYER.

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DELTA; UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

This term has passed so swiftly that we cannot realize that it is time for another letter as well as for examinations. As we have spent most of the fall in studying we have little to tell, except for the exciting times we had over some of the new students at the beginning of the year. There were but few desirable girls who entered this year, and of those we obtained all that we wished, so now we glory in our ten pledged members. Over two of them we had a hard fight, as our Greek friends tried to get them to resign from us. After our victory we had an afternoon tea in their honor, at the home of the Misses Williamson. We had a delightful

time and succeeded in having more of our alumnæ with us than we have had for a long time.

We have been puzzling our wits over our exhibit for the World's Fair. We have not yet succeeded in discovering an idea of any kind, good or bad. If any of the other chapters have thought of anything, Delta chapter would be glad to hear of it.

We are so far away from the other chapters of  $\Delta \Gamma$  that we seldom see any  $\Delta \Gamma$ 's except our own members; but this year we are glad to have near us Miss Montgomery, who is teaching at Troop University. We have met her and think if all the other  $\Delta \Gamma$ 's are as sweet as she that we shall be very glad to see them.

We have always intended to send a delegate to the  $\Delta \Gamma$  convention, and could send one this year if it were not for the awkward time in the year that the convention is held. If it were only held in July we might all be able to attend, but the trip takes so much of one's time—then the convention—that, if the delegate should make all possible speed, she could not but miss about a third of a term.

We hope to see a great many of our sisters during the World's Fair if we are not able to attend the convention.

Yours in  $\Delta \Gamma$ ,

LURA WHITLOCK.

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DELTA; ALBION COLLEGE, MICH.

I deeply regret my sisters have to be so bored with the letter I am about to write. If writing to them were more of a habit, I would feel better acquainted, and trust that letter writing would be far more interesting. After considering the great honor Delta has bestowed upon me, duty and loyalty whisper, I must do my prettiest.

Our meetings this term have been pleasant and interesting; we all feel we have a strong love and a great attachment for one another, and Delta claims more ardently than ever real harmony and perfect congeniality. Last Saturday evening we had a delightful meeting. After all matters of importance were settled, we were then ready and willing to discuss the wedding of one of our dear sisters, Miss Martha Brockway, which is to take place Wednesday evening, Dec. 14th, 1892. We all regret to lose her very much, as she was a generous and an enthusiastic little worker. Before the girls departed we decided to go and give her our farewell serenade, we sang some of our thrilling Delta Gamma songs

and were heartily encored. Good nights and pleasant dreams were extended, then we departed for our various homes, realizing we were greatly benefited by our pleasant meeting.

I suppose, girls, you are all just as busy as we are, preparing for examinations, and Christmas gifts. After examinations and hard work, we are all rewarded with that pleasant meeting of home people and friends which warms the heart and fills the soul with love.

I trust we will not be so very much fatigued with the pleasures and gaieties of holiday life that we cannot return with this fact before us, determined that all we undertake, we will work with a stronger will and a more ardent zeal in what we do to the improvement of Delta Gamma. Delta extends to all her sisters a bright merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

GLADYS L. LESTER.

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ETA; BUCHEL COLLEGE.

Since the last issue of the ANCHORA, Eta has been very fortunate in securing four new Delta Gammas, whom we introduce to our sister chapters as Carrie Cannon, '95, Elisabeth West, '96, and two pledged girls of '97, Maude Loudenback and Isabelle Taber.

Our second initiation of the term took place on the 12th of November at Miss Bessie Will's; Miss Carrie Cannon and Elizabeth West were the victims. The ceremony was duly performed, after which, pledged as well as active members partook of an ample feast and indulged in music and amusements the remainder of the evening.

One rushing party has been indulged in this year. The *Δ I*'s and friends were invited to the house of Miss Martha Chase where they were delightfully entertained. The impression made seemed to be a good one, for three new girls soon wore the bronze, pink and blue.

A pleasant social evening was passed at Miss Maude Newberry's on December 3d. The occasion was in honor of Miss Leta Courtney, who, we all regret, does not return next term, but expects to go to Chicago, where she will remain some time.

Five of the Delta Gammas and their gentlemen friends had the honor of spending the evening of Dec. 5th at Dr. Kolbe's, where they were invited to meet Miss Anna Woods, a *KKΓ* of St. Lawrence University, New York.

The Delta Gammas celebrated Columbus Day in a very delightful manner. Miss Courtney, one of our Sophomores, invited the chapter and friends to spend the vacation at her home in Salem, Ohio. Accordingly eighteen lively girls, after a short ride, found themselves in a charming country home with only themselves to amuse. This they did in the form of a chestnut party and general feasting. The second day of our stay we were much pleased to meet three of the Alpha girls who came from Mt. Union for a day with us.

The trip was one long to be remembered by all who had the good fortune to be included among the number.

GERTRUDE TABER.

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KAPPA; UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

We have one new girl to introduce to you this month. Nell Cochrane was initiated in October. She is a girl we have been wanting a long time so we were doubly glad to initiate her. Georgie Camp is a new pledged girl.

We are rejoicing over the great success of a cabinet party we gave December 2nd. All the frats in the University were invited. Although there is sometimes rivalry between them, a perfectly friendly spirit prevailed.

We shall be interested to see the opinion from the different chapters in regard to fraternities at the World's Fair. Kappa has discussed the matter some, and has come to this conclusion—it seems to us that an exhibition of pins, banners and journals would be a very poor advertisement for fraternities. The charm of a fraternity lies not in the shape of its pin nor in the beauty of its colors but in the spirit of friendship that exists among its members. This cannot be put in a glass case for exhibition. Now, we think it would be delightful to have some place on the grounds filled up as comfortably as possible, that might serve as a gathering place—a headquarters for fraternity people and their friends. Her magazines, college annuals, fraternity journals and books interesting to fraternity people might be placed there. If such a plan were successfully carried out it would be more in accordance with the fraternity idea than the mere showing of pins, banners and colors. This is the opinion of Kappa chapter, but of course if the majority of chapters think otherwise we are perfectly willing to do our part towards making any plan decided upon a success.

We are very much in favor of the Woman's Congress. Fraternities should certainly be represented there.

Does it seem as if the Christmas season were really here and our vacation so very near? To us this fall has flown. I suppose all the girls come to frat. meetings with their fancy work now as we do. We almost forget to talk our fingers fly so fast.

We are already beginning to speak of our March fifteenth spread. We are planning an initiation for next Saturday and a five o'clock tea to refresh the victim afterwards. As it is a great secret we are not going to tell you her name until later. We have been waiting and longing for her for a whole year, so we feel that we must have our revenge next Saturday. Although I can't tell her name, I will say that no girl ever lived who was so surely a born Delta Gamma.

Wishing our Delta Gamma sisters a Merry Christmas.

HELEN GREGORY.

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LAMBDA; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Despite the fact that a non-pledging contract cannot be secured here, Lambda has ten new members to introduce to her sisters. We have transgressed our unwritten, but heretofore strictly obeyed, rule of not numbering over fifteen, but did it because we had to—the unusually fine qualities of an unusually large number of girls compelled us so to do. On the evening of October 8, at the home of Clara Kellogg, in St. Paul, our first initiation took place. Several of our alumnae and non-active girls were with us, much to our delight, and one, Mrs. Ima Winchell Stacy, acted as toast mistress. As the result of our evening's work and fun, we introduce the Misses Katherine Bollinger of St. Paul, Alice Butler and Bessie Beech of Faribault, Nellie Leavens of Albert Lea, Florence Graham, Grace Tennant, Zua and Lelia Clough of Minneapolis. Eight finer, all-round girls you may search the continent over, and you will not find.

Our second initiation occurred at the home of the Misses Pratt on December 12. Only two girls rode the goat, but our hands were almost more than full with them. The next morning Ada Comstock of Moorhead and Clara King of Otsego wore our golden anchor. The latter is not a freshman, but a sophomore whom we loved last year, but for

good reasons could not take in. The long waiting makes her doubly dear to us.

Thus our chapter numbered nineteen, as nine returned at the first of the year, but at the beginning of the second term two more returned, Olive Graham, a junior, for regular work, and Mrs. Ima W. Stacy for graduate work; so the other day, when we sat for our chapter picture, twenty-one girls represented Lambda of Delta Gamma. I wonder if ours is the largest chapter. I expect it is; but you see we couldn't help it, and, really, if you knew the girls, you'd say so too. We just wanted them, every one, and, now we have them, are proud of them all.

Tuesday evening, December 13, a chapter of the honorary society, Phi Beta Kappa, was initiated here. Of the eight ladies who were made members three are Delta Gammas and one an honorary Delta Gamma. They are Gratia Countryman, '89, Katrina Strohmeier, '89, Ruth Harris, '92, and Mrs. M. J. Wilkin, '77, who is assistant professor of English and German, and an honorary member of Delta Gamma. Of the four other ladies one is a Kappa Kappa Gamma, one a Pi Beta Phi and two are "barbs." As the basis of membership is scholarship, not merely marks, I am sure you are, with us, proud of our girls.

Our November and December "at homes" were enjoyable affairs, the pleasure of each being added to by the presence of some of our alumnæ.

I am more anxious than usual to see our next ANCHORA, as it will contain the names of so many new sisters. I want to know them by name, at least, since more intimate acquaintance is impossible, and am always on the lookout for news concerning any I can remember.

What a lovely letter Chi's was in last ANCHORA! How I envied the writer her gift! Next time Lambda's will have another author, and be much better, I am sure.

AVIS WINCHELL GRANT.

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XI; UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Xi wishes to introduce to you all, the four new initiates into this chapter, of whom we are so justly proud: Bessie Lee Hopkins, Helen Dryer, Lucie Secley, and Artena Chapin. We also heartily welcome into our number, Blanche Hickey, who comes from Zeta.

Now we are seventeen strong, and feel very closely bound

together, both in social and college interests. The college year, thus far, has been an auspicious one; we have been honored with occasional visits from the alumnae of '91 and '92. At Thanksgiving time, we entertained Ada Zarbell, '92, Mattie Eddy, '92, and Carolyn Adams, '94; and the week was the occasion of some very delightful parties and "spreads".

With the Christmas-tide so near at hand, our hearts cannot but be full of love and good wishes for all of our sister chapters.

Here's to the merriest of Christmases, and a New Year which shall be crowned with success for every Delta Gamma!

GRACE D. STURGES.

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TAU; UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Tau chapter of Delta Gamma feels quite buoyant this morning, even though a regular London fog is enveloping us, for last night (December 5th) we took in two very desirable new members, Marion Davies and Isabelle Currier. Both of these girls are of the class of '96. They come from the same town, Independence, Iowa, and have been good friends for a long time. They are interesting, accomplished girls, and we think they will add much to "the dignity of Delta Gamma." We held our initiation at the home of our vice-president, Geneva L. Horne, who has just come back to us from a visit in Kansas City. Nell Startzman Biggs, one of our girls who now lives out west, was also able to be with us and add to the pleasure of the evening. We had a jolly time at the mock initiation, and we trust we made the real one serious enough. To the spread, which, by the way, had been most delightfully prepared by our vice-president herself, we invited one of our pledges, who would know our secrets now if her father did not object to fraternities. But she is going to try and win him over at Christmas time. Now if concentration of mind has any effect on the universe, girls, Tau chapter earnestly beseeches each of you to concentrate yours and project it into space as far as the western part of this state, where that misguided man lives, for she is a lovely girl and we want her.

We are thinking of giving a musical and elocutionary recital, "just for fun," some time in the near future.

We had a pleasant social gathering at the home of

Margaret Williams since our last letter to ANCHORA, all our own members and three friends from outside. Games were played, stories told and we had a good wholesome time.

We must not forget the courtesy of Pi Beta Phi in inviting us and the Kappas to a reception which they gave in the latter part of October. Our hostesses made us enjoy the evening immensely, and I think their effort did a good deal to make the sister frats feel more kindly toward each other.

JULIA CRAWFORD.

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PHI; UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

The rushing season is past and fraternity circles have assumed a quiet aspect. Phi gained a very desirable member in Miss Louise Chase. Miss Chase is a sophomore and the chapter feel that they have secured a very worthy and loyal member.

Our agreement with  $\Pi B \Phi$  worked well, and both fraternities seem satisfied. This contract certainly has done away with rushing at the beginning of the year, which of course is the most risky. Although we are sorry to say that our rivals indulged in rushing the last week, we feel that even this is a great improvement over the old way, as now we know whom we are rushing.

Phi feels very grateful to Xi, Eta and Kappa for the action taken by them, which is the means by which she is to have a new honorary member. Mrs. Barker is well worthy of the name of honorary member. Indeed, Phi feels that the honor belongs to her for being able to possess such a worthy and loveable woman as one of their number. With Miss Rippon and Mrs. Barker as honorary members, Phi can justly feel proud.

The week before invitations were given out, Phi gave a luncheon to her pledges and some of the new girls in college. The luncheon was given at the home of Miss Lillian Wise.

The chapter is soon to lose one of her alumnæ members. Miss Mamie Johnson is to move to Denver. The alumnæ members in Boulder had contemplated forming an alumnæ chapter, as the requisite number were living in town, but this will have to be delayed until some future time, as Miss Johnson reduces the number. Phi gives up Mamie Johnson with great reluctance, as she was a very interested worker for Delta Gamma.



Early during the fall, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity tendered the  $\Delta \Gamma$  and  $\Pi B \Phi$  fraternities a banquet in honor of their four initiates. All had a very pleasant time, and did not adjourn until the early hours.

With best wishes to our sister chapters, we are yours in Delta Gamma.

HATTIE HOGARTY.

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CHI ; CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The last months of the old calendar year, the first of the new school year have passed in a trice. Life has already settled into ruts with us and our New Year's resolutions will have a prodigious amount of resistance to overcome.

Fraternity life, too, is no longer a solution but has passed from a state of "scientific suspension" to one of absolute "precipitation." For the first six weeks, however, the elements were in a whirl. You know that we have the waiting system here, which is productive often of a great under current of excitement in fraternity circles. This year, the campaign has been, on the whole, very quiet, although parties, and spreads and festivities have been frequent.

Delta Gamma had three premeditated entertainments besides the numerous impromptu spreads held out as bait to the guileless Freshmen. Of the first one, we told you in our last letter. Soon after, came the spooky Hallow-*een* which we celebrated with appropriate rites, uncanny and mysterious. Two of the largest rooms with the passage between were separated from the barbarian world by screens and consecrated to the service of the evening. The larger room, in which was a roaring grate fire, was the scene of the chief activities. Here, we danced Virginia reel and played all the old time tricks and finally gathered in a heap on the floor before the fire, and told conundrums long after the electric lights had gone out, and only the firelight made weird shadows on the wall. In the passage between the rooms, was a gypsy's tent gaily decorated with Jack-o'-Lanterns—where an old hag nodded and crooned over the hands extended to her. The tableaux were the crowning glory of the evening. There was, first of all, Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, in the early days of their love, he in doublet and hose and plumed hat, she in satin and lace and pearls. A striking contrast to this was a scene of "Old Colonial Days," in which three ferocious Indians in red blankets, green feather dusters and unlimited war paint tomahawked a little

flaxen-haired Puritan maid in a pink wrapper. Another sad scene was that representative of Othello and Desdemona. The Moor was well-made up with fierce mustachios and a savage goatee. He sported besides the direful pillow a genuine sword that clanked against his heels, when he afterwards danced the reel, in a way that stirred his martial heart with joy. We had three adaptations from the antique—the three Graces, blind Nydia with hand outstretched, and most striking of all a Lady Athena, the exact counterpart of the Pallas Giustiniani of the Vatican. As a *grande finale*, we had the "Bachelor's Dream," in which a gay youth indifferently scans the Studious Girl with eye-glass, ponderous tome and cap and gown, the Summer Girl, with meaning glance and hand-wafted kiss, the Society Girl in dainty party array, the Gypsy Girl of dark tresses and languorous looks—impervious to them all until Sweet Simplicity, white-gowned with a rose in her hair, makes a conquest of his heart. So much for ye Hallow-eeen. We had a dancing party later of the conventional order.

The hour for the popping of the question was very definitely fixed this year; seven o'clock on Nov. 15. Delta Gamma had exceptional success. Like the Democrats this year, it made a clean sweep. That very night, every girl we wished for was a pledged  $\Delta\Gamma$  and four days later, we had our swing. Our success was quite phenomenal as the other frats did not even have any pledges until some time later, and one of them has not yet had its swing.

Our swingees were seven in number. Their names are Minnie Hannah of Dayton, Ohio, who comes here as Miss Dodds' friend and is a special student in History; Lillian Hoag of Ithaca, sister of Nellie Hoag, 94, course Philosophy; Margaret Coppens in the Arts course, who has been brought up a  $\Delta\Gamma$  from her High School days; Jessie Capron of Bonville, N. Y., course Philosophy, whose cousin Ola graduated here as a good  $\Delta\Gamma$  with the class of '91; Agnes and Bessie Avery, of Forestville, N. Y., both in Philosophy, whose father was a Cornellian in days gone by; and Carrie Myers of Ithaca, in the Arts course. We have in all now twenty-three active members; our chief fear is now, that our great prosperity may be our ruin—that we shall fall apart because of our very bulk.

Our swing was a great success. We introduced several new features into it; indeed the mere technicalities and paraphernalia grow more complicated every year. After the initiation, a sumptuous banquet satisfied the inner woman.

Miss Dodds presided as toast mistress. Our president, Miss Bunting, gave the address of welcome. Miss Mills toasted the "Gentlemen." Miss Reed "Our Chapter House" (to be) and your humble servant held forth on "Our Aims". The crowning efforts of the evening were Miss Stoneman's poem on "Our 16+7"—a copy of which you have elsewhere—Miss Doubleday's toast on "Our Relatives," and Miss Bessie Avery's eulogy of the Goat, in behalf of the swingees. We had some beautiful hand-painted menus, a present to  $\Delta I'$  from Miss Stoneman's sister. Two girls from the class of '91 were with us, Miss Bertha Reed and Miss Elva Price—swelling the  $\Delta I'$  ranks about the festive board to twenty-five.

We settled down to work then, as examinations began to assume a threatening aspect. We had one interval of frivolity when the Thanksgiving vacation came along, and Miss Ad-sitt, Miss Reed, Miss Genung, all of '91, visited us. We had a big reunion at Miss Hoags'.

Don't imagine from all this that the bias of  $\Delta I'$  at Cornell is frivolous, for indeed we have done a great deal of hard studying, and much serious thinking. There have been seasons of inspiration on the Delectable Mountains and periods of grovelling in the Slough of Despondency, but on most of us, I trust, the inspiration has left some lasting light, which we hope shall be a guide unto the New Year's duties. Chi sends you Greetings, sisters dear!

HARRIET CHEDIE CONNOR.

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OMEGA; UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The past month has been very quiet here, and every one has been working so hard that there has been little time for dissipation. Perhaps one of the first things I should write about is the plan Omega has adopted for learning more of the inner life of her sister chapters. Each chapter has received a letter from us requesting them to write us full particulars of their condition, past and present, and, in fact, any items of interest in their life. In this way, we expect to gain a great deal of information, and to feel more closely allied to the other members of our large family.

Since the last letter, three more girls wear the anchor. Miss Foltz and Miss Bostwick learned the secrets the tenth of November, and Miss Drake just a month later. One of our pledged girls, Miss Mosby of Janesville, was obliged to

go home, about seven weeks ago, on account of illness, and will probably not return to the university. We had quite a struggle over her, and it is unnecessary to say that we are all very sorry to lose her. Another one of our girls, Miss Walker, was called home this week, and will not return until next term.

By next term, we expect to have eleven or twelve girls in the house. We now have eight, and when the number increases to twelve, we will feel that "The House" is an established thing. I wish I could tell you all the delights of a chapter house, but as the space is limited, I think I shall defer it until I can devote a long letter to it. The Gamma chapter of Gamma Phi Beta held a most successful convention in November and entertained about fourteen visiting members.

Miss Bunn, '91, who has been taking her meals with us this year, leaves to-day for California, where she expects to remain for six months.

As the ANCHORA editor was not here to write this letter, the duty has devolved upon one of her friends, who begs you will excuse all shortcomings this time, and assures you that next time you will receive a longer and better one.

Omega wishes you all a merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year. M. ADA WALKER.

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PSI; WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

At the beginning of this term, we, the six old Psis from last year, felt so very near and dear to each other that we were almost afraid to bring any new members into our mystic circle, dreading lest the charm of perfect congeniality should be dispelled. Had we not pledged four of the brightest and truest girls in college before leaving last spring, I doubt whether we could have found the courage to initiate a new girl on a comparatively short acquaintance. As soon as we had our business matters arranged we initiated Helen and Florence Thompson, Christine Carter and Joe Anna Ross. Instead of regretting our step, we congratulate ourselves every time that we see the new faces, for we feel so much stronger and more encouraged for having them with us. They are so enthusiastic and loyal to Delta Gamma that they lend additional zest to every undertaking.

A few weeks ago Psi gave an afternoon tea for the purpose of pledging Louisa Knox, '95. Louisa came here last

fall from the Pennsylvania Female College, and entered the sophomore class. It is unnecessary to say that she is perfectly charming, else why should we have invited her to join us? Last Saturday evening we initiated her with all proper solemnity. We now have eleven active members, and have deemed it best to limit our membership to twelve.

Lottie Reinhard is only temporarily separated from us, as we expect her to resume her college work when she returns to Baltimore. She went to Europe last June, and has been visiting relatives in the different German cities ever since. The cholera compelled her to leave Hamburg in the summer. She is now in Munich, where she will remain until some time in January, and then return to Hamburg. We do not expect her home before May or June. What a glorious time she is having! Her glowing descriptions of the Germans and their customs, so different from ours, have interested us very much indeed.

Psi is quite influential at home this year. I do not know of a single college organization except the freshman class in which we do not find the name of at least one member of Psi on the roll of officers. The editor-in-chief and one assistant editor of the college paper are both Delta Gamma girls.

Psi was delighted to meet Miss Harriet Lovell from Xi, who spent a short time in Baltimore with her sister Miss Helen Lovell, before going abroad. The Misses Lovell passed an informal afternoon with Psi at the home of one of her members. During the afternoon fraternity matters in general, and Xi's deeds particularly were discussed; and, when the time for parting came the girls felt much wiser on Delta Gamma subjects, besides having become acquainted with a very loyal member. This was our first opportunity to entertain a D. G. from a distance, but we sincerely hope that we may have many more.

Psi would like to answer a question from Lambda. We have dear little pledge pins, which our girls wear as soon as they are pledged. Had you seen how proudly our last pledgeling wore her pin not one of you could, I am sure, have deprived her of that pleasure.

They are simple monogram pins, the gamma thrust through the delta, made of silver, and too small to be conspicuous. I think the same are used at Xi.

On the morning of Oct. 21st, the students of the College and Latin School assembled in the chapel to participate in the Columbian exercises. Mr. Thaddeus P. Thomas, formerly of Vanderbilt University and now connected with the

historical department of this college, gave a very interesting account of Columbus and his discovery. It had been hoped that Prof. Adams of the Johns Hopkins University would also be present and read a paper on the same subject, but he was unfortunately prevented from doing so. The exercises in the chapel were concluded by singing the national hymn, and the students then proceeded to the campus in front of Goucher Hall to witness the seniors raise the new flag. The juniors also raised one on Bennet Hall, giving their class yell at the same time. The sophomores then proceeded to the College Home, where they gave their yell, sang their class song, and hoisted their flag amid hearty applause.

A Social Science Club has lately been organized here. The literary aim of this society is the discussion of social problems, social customs, and social institutions. The financial aim is to aid students to take the degree course at this college. On Oct. 28th, the society listened to a talk by Rev. Frank Voorman, of Worcester, Mass., who described the work done at Toynbee Hall, the Tectotums of London, and by the new Union for Concerted Moral Effort in New York and Worcester, Mass. We were very much pleased to have a member of Psi elected president of this society, another treasurer, and a third on the advisory board.

There is also a Chemical Association prospering greatly which did not forget to honor Psi when electing its officers.

Two very enjoyable lectures were delivered in the chapel, to the students and their friends, by Bishop Warren, on the Bible in the Education of the World, and another by Prof. Slocum on Prison Reform.

ELMA ERICH.

## PERSONALS.

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### ZETA.

Miss Belle Washburn, who has been with us for the past two years, is now preceptress of the High School in Chesaning.

Miss Essie Kulp, '92 has accepted a position as teacher of the languages in the Business College in Grand Rapids.

Miss Amanda Barnhart, '92, is teaching in the High School at Masen.

Before this issue of ANCHORA is out another Delta Gamma wedding will have been celebrated. Dec. 14, Miss Martha Brockway will be married in the Albion, M. E. Church to Mr. Wortley Armstrong *A T O*, of Detroit. Zeta extends congratulations and best wishes.

### ETA.

Miss L. Josephine Chaney, '92, on account of ill health has been compelled to give up her course at Wellesley and has returned to her home at Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Miss Mary Dirtzold, formerly of the class of '93, made Eta a call some weeks since and reported pleasant acquaintances made among the *A T*'s in Detroit, where she is practicing stenography.

Possibly some of the girls who knew Mary Sibley may be interested to learn she has assumed the name of Mrs. Charles Markley. Mr. and Mrs. Markley now reside at London, Ohio.

The engagement is announced of Miss Abby Olin formerly of '93 and Mr. Oakley Herrick '82, a member of *A T A* and a promising business man of Akron, Ohio.

### EXCHANGES.

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Why do not the exchanges print something new or original or absurd? How is the editor of ANCHORA to conduct this department in a befitting manner, if the exchanges continue to be so excessively commonplace? There is something phenomenal about the mediocrity of fraternity journals. Their monotony amounts to genius. And the self assurance of editors is appalling! Whenever we read their time-honored platitudes we wonder that any human beings have the audacity to inflict such insipidity upon a helpless and long-suffering constituency. But when our amazement reaches its maximum, we turn to the ANCHORA and read a few pages. A few pages are enough—thereafter we look with charity upon the shortcomings of our fellow editors. But neither charity nor denunciations relieve the present difficulty. Judged from a fraternity standpoint, the exchanges now upon our table are unobjectionable; they all express the orthodox sentiments in the orthodox way; consequently they are all brilliantly uninteresting. We might draw upon our imagination for facts, but having done that so many times in the past, the supply is exhausted. Not only is the interest spent, but even the principle seems to have vanished into the mysterious realms of the forgotten. There is nothing to do but submit to the soporific this time, and trust that an unprecedented inspiration may visit the editors of the exchanges before next March. All good Delta Gammas may skip the ensuing pages which we insert solely for the pecuniary benefit of the printer.

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The editorials in the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* are written in so fair-minded and generous a spirit that it is



always a pleasure to read them. The doctrine of relative values as applied to the fraternity question is thus stated in the November number:

"Of necessity, there always will be rivalry between the fraternities of the college world. The method of securing members, the emulous strife for honors in scholarship, athletics, and in the college social distinctions, all tend to foster and cherish the spirit of keen encounter. To a certain extent, this is as just and desirable as it is natural, but there is a point where this spirit should cease, and a boundary across which it must not trespass, and this point is reached and this boundary crossed when the actual antagonism toward another fraternity finds a harborage in the hearts of college men. The necessity of dwelling upon this subject, we trust, will not appear imperative to many of our chapters. We hope most of them feel so deeply the dignity of the position of fraternity men that no petty jealousies exist toward other fraternities, and no quarrels have taken place."

Will fraternities ever practically approximate their ideals?

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" 'The Phi Delta Theta fraternity has granted a charter for Princeton College. This will be the first chapter of any fraternity to establish there.' The paragraph is true with the following exceptions: *First*, Phi Delta Theta has not granted a charter for Princeton College. *Second*, Fourteen fraternities have previously granted charters for chapters at Princeton. With these exceptions noted we have no objections to its going the rounds of the scissors column of our exchanges *ad libitum, ad infinitum*.'—*The Scroll*.

The above is the joke that ANCHORA asked *The Scroll* to print last year. At that time she (*The Scroll*) sarcastically refused to indulge in any humour, even at ANCHORA's request, (or expense, if she so desired). Therefore the above paragraph affords us the delight of surprise as well as of wit. *The Scroll* will please accept our thanks and congratulations.

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Ordinarily the *Scroll* is nothing if not presidential, hence it is with surprise that we turn the pages of the December

number, and fail to find anything more than the most casual allusion to late elections. We conclude that the editor must be a republican to whom politics are dearer than fraternity, who sorrows more at a president's defeat than at a vice-president's victory. Phi Delta Theta must sometimes be "a house divided against itself." What does a man do when party requires that he vote one ticket, and fraternity loyalty demands that he vote the other? There must be some nice discriminations made. On the whole perhaps it is all well for fraternity women that they cannot cast the ballot. Women could never go two ways at once, and still believe they walked in a straight and narrow path.

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The *Record* of  $\Sigma A E$ , editorially discusses two forms of chapter meetings and writes:

"In the one, the leading thought is order and ceremony; the fraternity is an organization to which the members owe allegiance and they meet and go through with its prescribed form and ceremonies largely as a matter of duty.

In the other the social idea predominates, the members come together for an hour or two of social chat, during which business is attended to incidentally. These are two extreme cases but of the two we believe the latter approaches more nearly the true fraternity meeting.

The matters of business and the ceremonial forms should be made incidents and not objects of the chapter meeting; the idea of good fellowship should rule. Draw close to each other and forget for a few hours the specter of unprepared lessons, the class feuds, the literary society rivalries and the perplexities of the future, and endeavor to remember only that you are in a company of congenial friends to whom you are bound by the strongest ties aside from those of blood."

The conclusion is valid and so consistent with the practice of  $\Delta \Gamma$ , as far as known to the editor, that comment is perhaps superfluous. We remember meetings of long ago, when a few systematic and order loving members of one chapter sought in vain to reduce the meetings to business like simplicity. They could not do it. When girls sit on

the floor, they will talk and laugh and follow parliamentary rules of their own adaptation and calls to order and appeals to their sense of the eternal fitness of things affect them not. If the editor presumed to offer any advice to *Δ Γ* upon this point, it would be a recommendation that chapters do a little more business and not quite so much gushing. But she would not expect nor very seriously desire that the advice be followed.

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Says a writer in the *Arrow* of *P B Φ*:

"I have been immeasurably irritated during the summer by the constantly recurring questions, What are you going to do with your college education after spending so much time on it? And, What use will your higher mathematics, your Greek and your science, be to you after all? In these questions there was always an undertone of unbelief in higher education except as a money-making investment, as a matter of dollars and cents. It saddens me that such a sordid, money-grasping spirit is abroad in our land. As for me, I am glad to lift up my voice and proclaim that I don't care if I never earn a dollar by my college education that I could not have earned without it. It is strange that college presidents have to keep pleading for higher education, have to keep insisting that its value cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents. Are the people all dead who believe that there is something better in life than money and fame, and the tangible results these bring; that life cannot be reduced to a dollar and cent calculation?"

Ah! no, ambitious girl! The people who believe there is something better in life than money and fame and the tangible results these bring are not all dead; they are not *born* yet.

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The *Kappa Alpha Journal* fills her pages in a unique method. We have before remarked upon her custom of reprinting articles from contemporary fraternity journals, and the October issue offers to her readers a series of articles upon women in the professions, some of them obviously written by horrid men. If Kappa Alpha Theta wishes to publish papers upon such subjects by such con-

tributors, she is entirely justified in so doing; what puzzles us is, that she wishes her brothers to write the papers, when she has dozens of girls within her circle who could do it just as well, or better.

From a paper upon "The Disappointing Thing About Girls," we clip the following:

"There certainly can be no just argument adduced why, if they as faithfully perform the same work, girls should not receive the same remuneration. It is undeniable, however, that girls do not attain as high positions in the various occupations in which they compete as men, and they certainly receive only one-third to one-half the remuneration men receive.

These two facts are certainly disappointing, but it by no means follows that, because they are disappointing there is anything disappointing about girls. In other words, the circumstances may be aggravating, cruel, or hard, without the existence of any disappointing element in the subjects controlled by the circumstances.

But although circumstances undoubtedly control in this matter as in all others, to a great extent, a close observer will discover that the real failure of girls to attain position and receive emolument results from a radical defect in the girls themselves. This is the disappointing thing about girls.

The laws of business, the conditions of success in any occupation, will not be modified or changed to suit either the capabilities or weaknesses as of any sex or minority of those seeking employment.

This has been attempted over and over again by statute tinkering by timid and subservient legislators, by trades unions, and by other devices. Apparent success has however, been invariably followed by failure.

The presence of certain qualities insures success; the absence of these qualities or any essential part of them drives the competitor from the ranks or reduces him to the dead level of mediocrity.

A simple law governs in this matter which is often, if not generally, ignored. The line can be fixed by a simple inquiry. Who fixes the remuneration and defines the rank, the employer or the employed?

This law prevails in all competitive business; why not to employment? Industry, force, originality, fertility of resource, tact, the power to apply the means at hand to the

result desired, these and other qualities that readily suggest themselves, are the determining factors in the success of the lawyer, the physician, the clergyman, the banker, the merchant, the railroad man, of every business man, and of every business."

The "disappointing thing about girls" appears, according to the writer of the above, to be what he asserts is their lack of business success. There is reasonable room to doubt the truth of the statement so positively made that, "apparent success has been invariably followed by failure." There are some feminine successes still apparent. Miss Francis Willard's work has not failed yet, Dr. Mary Walker is still uncrushed; Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge might be called a rather successful business woman, as might also Mrs. Martha Lamb. Scores of others might be mentioned, enough at least, to make it appropriate to change that "invariably" to occasionally. We remember a sweet voiced clergywoman who works in a western city and everywhere wins appreciative adherents. Delta Gamma, even, boasts of a young and brilliant lawyer, who is not yet ready to count herself among the down-trodden. No doubt there are hundreds of girls, clerks, book-keepers, typewriters, who fill positions which they will never exchange except for inferior ones. But it is not because they are women that they fail; it is because they belong to that immense and suffering class of humanity, the Incompetent. There is as large a proportion of would-be business men there as of women.

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"An Alumnus" writes in the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*:

"It is a vital question. The alumni are to the fraternity what the background is to a picture. Every picture must have a background. Every fraternity must have an alumni. This background brings out the picture. The alumni bring out the fraternity. This correspondence is attested by the fact that fraternities which have a distinguished and influential alumni, are always bringing them before the public, showing their photographs, giving their biographies, printing their names. They rely upon the strength of their

alumni representation to secure new members and allay old prejudices. More than by their active members is a fraternity judged by its alumni.

If this is so, the alumni ought to be accurately catalogued. Their homes should be registered, and short records of their lives be given. The fraternity ought to be able at any moment to bring out from its treasury-house such jewels. The active members should have the inspiration at hand which comes from such a source. This invaluable accessory should be available all the time for apologetic and missionary work."

Obviously a fraternity's alumni ought to be "accurately catalogued." But why inflict even short biographic sketches of unillustrious brothers upon the hopeless undergraduate? Unless the latter should chance to have a passion for statistics, or look upon dates with a tenderness not common to sanity, such sketches would be a waste of ink. Alas for the vanity of the alumni! the undergraduates would not read them, would refuse to be inspired by the records of their predecessors. There is a vast amount of idle talk about alumni influence and interest in fraternities. The alumni feel a retrospective interest in their college society, as they do in their alma mater, but they do not, at least after two or three years of post-graduate experience, feel more. To the active members it seems incredible that any circumstance in life can ever be of more vital importance to a Greek than the success of one's chapter at winning the phenomenally desirable freshman. But experience will teach them as it has taught their alumni, that such interests become in the course of time, subservient to a thousand others, that the sometime enthusiastic workers for the fraternity learn very shortly after receiving their degrees, to look upon their former intensity of feeling with amusement and surprise. If the alumni of Delta Gamma pay their subscription to ANCHORA, that is a manifestation of interest sufficiently warm and practical to satisfy the editor. That reveals a lingering affection for the society and a mild interest in the welfare, and no one ought to expect enthusiasm from alumni.

As to the influence of alumni, the writer in the *Palm* overstates the case when he says that fraternities "rely upon the strength of their alumni representation to secure new members and allay old prejudices." Young human nature is not so politic and far-sighted, as to ally itself with a body of men, the members of whose local chapter they do not find congenial, simply because among her alumni are represented men of national reputation or influence. Such honors are considered by the student accessory and not vital. The world at large pays very little heed to college fraternities, and, after leaving college, the Greeks themselves do not consider fraternity an important factor in their lives.

We see no reason for regret in this. If fraternity men and women carried the partisanship and prejudices of their under-graduate life into their active work in the world, the effect would be very disastrous. There is a good deal of childishness and pettiness connected with these organizations that it is well their members outgrow with age. The danger which we apprehend for fraternities is that they shall be made of too much importance to active members, not of too little to the alumni.

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## COLLEGE FRIENDSHIPS.

This is a subject which will not be out of place in a fraternity magazine, for when a girl is invited to join a fraternity, it is because she will be congenial to the other members of the chapter; and when she consents to join, it is because she thinks these girls are such as she would like to have for friends. She is, in short, thrown into a circle of ready friends; but must she confine herself to this circle alone? Can she have no ~~one~~ outside whom she can call friend? If she is too narrow to extend her sympathies beyond her sisters, it would have been better both for herself and for the fraternity if she had never joined. It is not to this girl that I write, but to the girl whose heart is big enough to take in "barb" as well as "Greek."

The question often arises as to what is real friendship; what motives impel us to cultivate the friendship of one person in preference to that of another. Can there not be some rule laid down as to how to choose a friend? Should we choose a friend simply because she will be an advantage to us socially or intellectually? Or is there some power which unconsciously draws us towards the person whom we call "Friend?"

To me friendship does not seem like something that is to be made and unmade at will; something over which we bargain and hesitate, something that we can deliberately plan out; but it seems rather the result of some sort of natural affinity, of some mysterious and irresistible power over which we have comparatively little influence. Yet, there are many people who say that friendships are the result of conscious volition; that is, that a friendship should

not be formed with a person until we know who and what she is. When we hear people talking in this way, we often wonder whether they realize the practical difficulties of such a mode of obtaining friends. The first obstacle is, "By what standard shall we judge the person we wish to make our friend?" We are told by those who advise us to choose our friends only after we have learned their whole history, that we should choose our superior. Now, there are a great many ways in which one person can be the superior of another, as, for example, intellectually or morally, in point of culture, principle, education, artistic taste or social position. The great trouble in choosing a superior is to know whether it would be better to choose a specialist in one of the above named branches, or whether a person evenly developed in several would be more preferable. Then, too, how are you to know that you have not been deceived by appearances, and that the person you have chosen is not your inferior after all? And are you perfectly sure that the superior would want an inferior for her friend? These and many other questions will arise to confuse us.

However, we will grant that the choice has been successfully made. The person who has advised you to make friends with some superior will also advise you to continually strive to rise higher and higher in your friendships ; to be continually scanning the horizon of your acquaintances to see whether some one has not appeared who would not be more desirable as a friend than the person you have chosen. Once more you will meet with a serious difficulty. Again you will ask, "What is to form the basis of comparison?" Supposing this difficulty also to have been overcome and you have once more chosen wisely, what has become of the sentiment and loyalty, the unselfishness and devotion which we always hear of in connection with friendship ? Has all affection been analyzed out, and is nothing left but the dry husk of self interest ? There is something in our natures that draws back from such a definition of friendship; of a word around which hang so many pleasing memories, but which, according to this, is utterly devoid of anything

connected with affection, and we feel as if we would rather say good-bye to it.

Yet, why cannot we keep the old meaning ? Why cannot we call this acquaintance, for in choosing acquaintances it is possible for us to follow such a course as is here described. There can be the greatest admiration for the superior powers of another, yet, as to making a friend of her, that would be a different thing. After all, it is not always the person who is your superior that would make the most congenial companion through your college life. Even in the choice of acquaintances, there is something objectionable in the wild rush after the person who is higher than yourself. It would be like a bad dream, in which you were fleeing from some horrible thing behind and desperately grasping after something in front that was always just beyond your reach.

Would it not be better for us to go back to the old way, where acquaintance comes because we find something interesting in every human being, because we ourselves are all that we should be ; where we could form friendships, not because our friends could give us a certain amount of prestige, but because it was the natural prompting of our hearts?

In friendship there is a giving as well as a getting. Why should we not make ourselves more noble, and, rather than be dragged down to the level of those whose friendship we might make, raise them to our level? Because a person may be in less favorable circumstances than we are in, is no sign that their powers, if developed, may not reach far beyond what we have ever conceived for ourselves. We are not living in a country or an age that recognizes caste, and why should we surround ourselves as by a wall and say, "None except those that fulfill certain requirements can be admitted" ? There are many whom we meet daily to whom our words or our friendship, just because we happen to seem to them above their level in intellect or other graces, would be, perhaps, the reviving touch which they unconsciously wait to receive in order to be their best selves.

Let us therefore in no attitude of condescension, but with an insight born of love, looking for the best in every one,

cultivate those friendships which are self-giving as well as those in which we humbly feel ourselves the receivers. Yet, no giving in friendship is utterly without return, for noble actions will always reflect back a beneficial influence upon our own characters. It is worthy the effort, this opening of new possibilities to others and to ourselves.

KATHERINE E. CLAGETT,  
Psi.

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#### ONE GIRL WHO STUDIED MEDICINE.

I can remember when quite a child, of hearing my aunt tell of the unpleasant experiences of the woman student in medicine. It was unusual in her day for women to think of a professional life, and much more so to enter one. Prejudice was a difficult barrier to overcome, even the boldest hesitated. The thoughtlessly spoken opinions of friend or relative caused many a moment of discouragement to the student. I had heard all this, and was destined to feel it to a certain degree, when in the fall of '88, I determined to study medicine. It has occurred to me that some girls who have longed to enter a profession, have been kept from doing so by fear of public and social opinion. For such as these, I would tell a little of my own experience.

I am a westerner, and as such have been accustomed to co-education all my life. Never, until I went east, did it occur to me that people wise and learned should be theorizing and arguing concerning the expediency of educating girls and boys together. On this account it seemed but natural, when I thought of studying medicine, that I should select a co-educational college. It offered what I wanted—and that was all I cared about. I had heard much of the irreverence and rowdyism of medical students. I had heard the old joke about the son, who, being without brains enough for the bar, or wit enough for business, or piety sufficient for the ministry, was educated for a physician. It was with no exalted opinion of the medical student

that I first matriculated as one myself; hence you may imagine with what growing astonishment I waited for the coarse practical jokes that were never played, and the ungentlemanly speeches that were never uttered. I can honestly say that during my three years of study, never once did the men of my class, by so much as a word, make me feel that I was "out of my sphere," or doing aught unwomanly. And these class-mates of mine were not unusual people; they were not college bred, nor did they come from wealthy homes. The little attentions that grace a society youth would have been out of place in them. There was no flattery, no assumed deference in their behavior, they were simply gentlemen, as most young men naturally are. To them we were students, entitled to like rights and privileges as themselves—nothing more, nothing less.

The last few months I have spent east in New York, studying at the post graduate medical. This was a little different from my first experience. Here I met, in my classes, men old and gray, and with the prejudices of thirty years ago still strong within them. A woman physician was to them a masculine creature, with a penetrating glance and a harsh voice; a creature of their own imagination entirely.

One southern youth, who was, as he expressed it, "brushing up," for his state examinations, asked me one day if I intended to "doctor men." He was much relieved when I said "no," and gave me a long lecture not laid down in the prescribed course, on the impropriety of women doctoring men. I listened quietly until he had finished and then said, "I suppose you apply the same arguments to men doctoring women?" His face was a study. "I never thought of that," he said, and turned and left me.

At first the professors seemed a little amused at me and my work, but before long they treated me with all the respect and consideration I could have desired. Even my young friends at home, whose opinion I highly prized, have ceased to regard me as queer or unwomanly.

Indeed, the woman who to-day contemplates studying in any profession, will find not hindrance, but support and

aid in all those with whom she may come in contact. Such I have found to be the case. Each year finds "woman's sphere" growing wider and wider, until in time it will know no limit save that of human possibility; and mankind will judge work from its own merit, and no longer say "well done *for a woman*."

ELIZABETH DODDS,  
Chi.

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#### COLLEGE GIRLS AT CHICAGO.

Doubtless, you girls have all heard that the college men of these United States are to have representatives from their Glee Clubs at the World's Fair next summer; that each section has practiced separately the songs which the whole will sing; that concerts will be given at dates already set.

An idea has been fermenting in the minds of some Cornell girls that a similar project is perfectly feasible and very desirable as regards the college women of the United States. What do you think of it? Why cannot quartettes of girls from all the colleges of the country come together and have a glorious vocal outpouring? A chorus of four or five hundred voices, if each section had been carefully trained, could easily and speedily be put into a working condition by an efficient director. To be sure, it is rather late to start the matter, but I believe it could be done with the aid of enthusiasm and careful organization.

We have just started a Girls' Choral Club here at Sage. We have some very good material, and hope soon to be able to give some concerts. The proceeds would probably pay the expenses of *our* quartette to Chicago, and a similar policy might be pursued at the other colleges. We shall try to get up some circulars giving full details of the plan as we have conceived it, and send them around to the various colleges. Now, please, girls, when it comes to your college, induce your college mates to consider the scheme carefully. It occurred to me that Delta Gamma might be a very efficient means of disseminating the idea, in a score of colleges at least. Let us hear a favorable report of the progress of the idea when we meet at the Akron convention.

You have all discussed ways and means of representing yourselves at the great World's Fair, and it seems to me that no way would be more characteristic of our American ideas of co-education than having a chorus of girls to balance the chorus of men who come up from our halls of learning. Think about it! Talk about it! *Do* something!

HARRIET CHEDIE CONNOR.

Chi.

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#### THE GOOD AND EVIL OF PLEDGING.

There is much to be said for and against the system of pledging students of preparatory schools to join a certain fraternity when they shall have entered college. Whether or not this system should be allowed depends a great deal on the character of the college; that is, if the majority of students live at home, there is not so much benefit to be derived as if the most or very many of the students live in college halls and chapter homes.

In the first place, when it can be said of any chapter, "Oh, that chapter is large enough, but about half of them are only pledged members", this statement injures the chapter and the fraternity to which it belongs, as much as the statement that one chapter has as many members enrolled as another at the same school, but that it has only half as many alumnae. Rather more, for it is a fact more patent to the undergraduate. The practice of pledging, when indulged in to any extent, injures a chapter's work, as well as its outside standing and influence, for it compels the older and more conservative part of a chapter to consent to the asking of girls in whom they cannot take much interest and of whom they cannot have as much knowledge as of a regular college student. It usually works in this way: A young girl enters a preparatory school, having one, two, or three years of work before she can enter college classes; she is bright, pretty, and entertaining; you say: "I like that girl, and I think she will be a good fraternity girl; I would rather wait until she has proved herself, but if we want her at all,



we must have her now." And the result is that you pledge her to become a member of your chapter. Now if it turns out that the girl cannot come back the next year, can she say she is a member of the fraternity? Suppose she goes to another college where there is another chapter of the same fraternity, can she become a member of the fraternity there, if that chapter does not feel so inclined? Can she join another fraternity, provided she, in her wider experience, prefers a chapter of a different fraternity at a different college? These questions might be raised. But more commonly, suppose that during the year she is pledged, those who liked her, find that she "does not wear well", that she is entirely out of sympathy with them, what is to be done? Would it not have been better to have left her out of fraternity consideration, until she had had a fair trial? Of course, these same things might be said concerning freshmen, but after a girl is once initiated, the matter is, of course, settled, unless the case is a very extreme one. And would not preparatory girls, considering a fraternity a privilege of college life alone, esteem it a higher honor to be asked, and would they not do better work, remembering that they are being watched and weighed as possible members?

Now for a few things on the other side. In a college town, where by the system of the college, the younger girls are mingled to a great extent with the girls of the higher classes, it is a good thing for the older ones to have in the younger the added interest given by fraternity bonds. It ought to make them more womanly to know that younger girls depend upon them, watch their example, come to them for encouragement and sympathy. This sort of feeling between older and younger daughters of the same Alma Mater, ought to exist independent of fraternity ties; but it is a fact that it falls often only within these lines.

As to the benefit to the pledgling herself, of course she has another incentive (one not to be lightly thought of) for good work, that is, that the honor of her Fraternity depends on her to the extent of her ability, and this incentive often does much to keep, not only preparatory students; but higher

class women up to the mark. Again the pledged member, attending all social affairs of the chapter, learns to know the Fraternity so that when she has been initiated, she is more useful to the whole chapter than the girl who has looked on a year or so but had no part. The pledged girl, if she is of the right stamp, also takes interest in those Fraternity matters which may be brought to her notice. A girl, who has been for a year a pledged member, in her Freshman year, turns her knowledge and influence to good use by helping in the selection of other girls in her class, who have just entered. In short, the question is one for local decision.

ETA.

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#### A COUP D'ETAT.

It may not be out of place to describe in the pages of ANCHORA the attempt and failure of the sororities in the University of Minnesota, to enter into some friendly arrangement whereby all would have equal opportunities afforded them for making the acquaintance of new girls; and whereby the present inordinate excitement attendant upon the rushing season, might be mitigated.

There are five sororities in this institution, and rivalry is close and not always good natured. However, in spite of strained relations between some of the chapters, a general feeling prevailed among the individual members that the fall campaign might be conducted in a more dignified and creditable manner, with less feeling and better results. With this object in view meetings were called, to which all of the sororities sent delegates; various matters were discussed at length, chief among which was the subject of pledging girls before their entrance into college. This had been done by one society in a very systematic manner, and one so satisfactory to themselves, that they proved obdurate to all attempts to persuade them to depart from such evil courses. This opposition naturally made any arrangement among the other sororities impossible, and for the time being the matter was dropped. This occurred last spring.

But the more earnest among the fraternity girls had the matter very much at heart, and sincerely desired to work only in an honorable way, and to give everyone a fair chance in the yearly contest. Therefore they made plans to circumvent the obstructionist chapter, and the result of their deliberations has recently been materialized in the form of a booklet, daintily bound in white paper, upon which is inscribed in gold letters, "A Few Words on Fraternities," with the names of the four responsible sororities intertwined upon the back. The pamphlet contains 18 pages, and sets forth clearly and distinctly the aims and character of the organizations, and describes some of the methods of rushing. It concludes with a pledge signed by all members of the four sororities, to the effect that they bind themselves to issue no invitations until new students are duly registered in the university. These pamphlets are to be distributed among the students of the city high school. They are issued in an exceedingly attractive form, and will doubtlessly have the desired effect of inducing the prospective freshman to postpone making a choice of sororities until they have entered college and fully understand the peculiar conditions of fraternity life.

The object of the book is not to arouse animosity in the excluded chapter, nor any prejudice against it in the high school girls. It is issued simply as a means of self-protection to the sororities that do not believe in premature pledging. The result of this *coup d'état* is awaited with interest.

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#### CONVENTION.

To fix the date of convention at a time most suitable to all concerned has been the earnest desire of Eta. All the chapters have replied to our request as to the best time for their leaving college in order to attend the convention, and we have accordingly decided upon a date which seems to be convenient for the majority. The early part of May is the preference of many, therefore the convention will be held on

the 10th, 11th and 12th days of May. We have also deemed it unnecessary to take more than two days for the meeting, for like Xi at the last convention, we are reluctant to ask for a longer time from college and think visitors from a distance will wish to remain away as short a time as possible and accomplish the required business.

We desire word from the chapters as soon as they can inform us, concerning the number of delegates coming and the time at which they will arrive. We hope to see a large number of visitors to assist us in filling out the following program. This is only a rough sketch however:

May 10th—Arrival of Delegates.

Evening. Informal Reception.

May 11th—8:30 A. M. Business Meeting.

1:30 P. M. Business Meeting.

Evening. Formal Reception.

May 12th—8:30 A. M. Business Meeting.

1:30 P. M. Business Meeting.

Evening. Banquet.

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## EDITORIALS.

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In speaking of the inter-chapter exchange of fraternity journals, in the January ANCHORA, the announcement was made that *Pi Beta Phi* was among the sororities that had ratified the exchange. This was a mistake which the editor desires to correct. As the matter now stands, *Kappa Alpha Theta*, *Delta Delta Delta*, and *Delta Gamma* are the only ones actively interested in the experiment.

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After due consideration and possibly undue discussion, it has been decided to abandon the project of a general fraternity exhibit at the World's Fair. One or two fraternities still intend to be represented, but all the sororities, we are informed, have withdrawn from the movement. This action will undoubtedly meet with the unanimous approval of all chapters of Delta Gamma. While we should not have advised withdrawal, had the general feeling been favorable to the project, we can see no good reason for bringing fraternities into public notice; they are essentially private and personal affairs. No exhibit that typified their character could be made of general interest, and to those already interested in the Greeks, such an exhibit would be valueless. Very possibly also, a characteristic exhibit would win but little respect from the uninitiated, and might become a cause of depreciation rather than of honor. To have made such an exhibit simply, not discreditable, would have involved an expenditure of time, energy, and money that the uncertain advantages to be derived therefrom would not warrant.

To those chapters which interested themselves in the matter sufficiently to plan their share of the exhibit, and whose members were kind enough to comply with Miss

Baker's request for helpful suggestions, she extends her thanks and cordial appreciation of their willingness to cooperate in a movement that has proved inadvisable.

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The Pan-Hellenic Congress, will, however, convene, if the present arrangements remain undisturbed, on Wednesday, July 19th. It is proposed that the morning of that day be spent in listening to addresses of general interest given by women of national reputation. The names of the speakers have not as yet been announced, for the program is still in the process of evolution. The afternoon will be devoted to discussion of fraternity questions by prominent members of the sororities selected by their respective organizations for that purpose. This session will be followed in the evening by a banquet, which every member of a sorority present in Chicago at that time is expected to attend. The meeting must be full of interest and we trust will be of profit. One afternoon is however so short an allowance of time that little more than a very general discussion of very general matters can be expected. It is not probable that any measures will be adopted tending to a practical solution of the difficulties that beset our paths, but it will be helpful to all sororities by bringing opposing factions into sympathetic relations with one another for even a short time. Such meetings, while they may not bring about radical reforms, have an educational value that should not be underestimated. Let Delta Gamma show her cordial sympathy with the movement by a large and loyal attendance at the meeting.

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Every delegate should go to Akron prepared to discuss the subject of a change of date for future conventions. For reasons so manifold that they have made the question appear to have but one side, it has heretofore been deemed advisable to hold the biennial conventions during the college

year. But in the course of time conditions have altered, and now, from different quarters come urgent requests that the date be changed, and that hereafter the reunions be held during the summer vacations. The editor is strongly in favor of the change, because the present arrangement of necessity seriously interferes with the college work, and fraternity duties should never supercede regular college duties. The time spent by the entertaining chapter in preparation for convention, can ill be spared by busy students; it is an undoubted fact that the detrimental influence of a convention is felt by the entertaining chapter throughout at least one term of school year. Even for the chapters nearest the place of meeting, it means for their delegates more than the loss of convention week from college, for although girls may be willing to go to Europe with no baggage but a hand-satchel, they are not wise enough to go to convention without a well filled trunk, and the packing of that trunk takes time that should be spent in learning irregular French verbs.

The one argument in favor of holding convention during the college year is the fact that the members of the chapter are together at that time and it is easier to make desirable arrangements for entertainment under such circumstances. But this advantage is offset by the gain in time and the freedom from other duties in the summer. Although many members of the entertaining chapter would always be non-residents of the college town, it usually happens that they live within a short distance of their alma mater and would not consider it a serious inconvenience to return for the convention. Moreover the fact that one chapter of Delta Gamma has never been represented in convention, and will send a delegate this year at the sacrifice of at least three weeks work at a time of year when the loss is serious, should in itself be sufficient to induce the fraternity to hold the convention of '95 in the summer time. This matter should be discussed in every chapter before May 10th, and every delegate should go to Akron prepared to definitely express her chapter's opinion upon the subject.

It is with some surprise that the editor learns that, as the exponent of the opinions of Delta Gamma, she has been reviewed, classified, and labeled by an outside critic, as an enthusiastic Pan-Hellenist. The announcement was surprising inasmuch as we have repeatedly declared that we knew not the meaning of Pan-Hellenism, and have frequently expressed our doubt that it meant anything at all. If ANCHORA's position in this matter has been misunderstood by outsiders, possibly there may also be some confusion in the minds of all her readers, therefore a few words in explanation.

Pan Hellenism has ever appeared to us absolutely impracticable; as a sentiment it is extremely alluring, but practically it is as elusive as it is attractive. It is a quicksand; it looks inviting but its appearance is deceptive; one cannot gain a firm foothold therein. The idea carried to its logical conclusion would result in a consolidation of fraternities, and where would our distinctive traits about which we are all so fond of talking be then? If it stops short of amalgamation, it amounts to nothing, and in fact makes a tacit confession that the interests of fraternities are not identical but antagonistic. The antagonism may be mild, may be a surface feeling, but it is apt to be rather turbulent in the fall of the year.

Inter-fraternity difficulties are almost invariably local, and of such diverse and changeful character that it is impossible for any national Pan-Hellenic legislation to control them. In many institutions a few general regulations for all local chapters might be adopted to advantage; in many others, the antagonism is so strong that nothing of the sort is practicable. In small colleges, where but few fraternities are represented, amicable arrangements for the benefit of all concerned can usually be, and frequently are, agreed upon; in large institutions, wherein are represented a large number of chapters, composed of all sorts and conditions of men and women, such arrangements are a practical impossibility. They can find no common ground. In the spirit of Pan-Hellenism we believe, but we are sure it is developed from within the fraternity circles, by conscientious efforts,



in every individual chapter, to purify fraternity methods in their own colleges, and not from without, by a constitution adopted by a Pan-Hellenic convention. Such a constitution at best could be but of the most general nature and could never be made comprehensive enough to cover local and specific difficulties, and those are the only ones that ever make real trouble. Finally, no Pan-Hellenic legislation could ever be authoritative; for as soon as a regulation became distasteful to any fraternity, that one would withdraw, and the ultimate result of the most disinterested Pan-Hellenic efforts would be "confusion worse confounded."

## CHAPTER LETTERS.

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### ALPHA; MOUNT UNION COLLEGE.

Since our last letter to the readers of ANCHORA the girls of Alpha of Delta Gamma have come to the realization of the fact that another term of this year's college work have been completed, another week of examinations with its accompanying trials and fears is now a thing of the past, and we know that all too soon the last term of the year will be gone when Alpha will lose three of the best and most beloved girls at college. This winter term has been a pleasant one for us, for, although we have spent many hours in study we have also spent many social hours together in the meetings and other places, which will only make the memories of our college days sweeter to us in after years. When the roll is called in the meetings of the spring term one name that has now become familiar will be missing. Miss Pearl Binford has decided to remain at home this term to rest, but has promised to be with us in the summer term. We expect Miss Bertie Tedrow to return in the spring, and I know all the girls will be glad to have sister Bertie with us again.

Alpha has increased her number of pledged members to three—the two latest members whom she will now introduce to readers of ANCHORA, Misses Nellie Jennings and Helen Williams receiving the pledge Saturday afternoon, January, 7th, 1893.

Alpha is now revelling in the prospect of soon having a cosy little nest in which we may have confiding sisterly talks and feel that the very walls are sacred to Delta Gamma. We have already made a number of purchases and before our reunion which will be held in March we hope to be in our new home. On the day on which we had planned to do our shopping for our room, a committee from the *A T Q* fraternity presented us with three beautiful upholstered chairs for our officers. This token of their friendship and good wishes was entirely unexpected, and hence doubly welcome.

The only trouble now is, that we all want to be—"not an angel" but an officer. We are not planning to have a formal hall, but instead, we want to have a dainty room, which

shall cheer us in our lonely homesick hours, if Delta Gamma girls ever have these, and shall foster our feminine love for the beautiful. Come and see us—won't you?

MATTIE HOYER.

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DELTA; UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

We find that some of our Delta Gamma sisters have inferred from our last letter to ANCHORA that we did not intend to send a delegate to the convention this year. We certainly would prefer that the convention could be held during the summer vacation, nevertheless we intend, and have intended all the year, to be represented whenever it should take place. We are too desirous to become acquainted with our sisters to let another opportunity pass by.

We noticed in the last ANCHORA that we were to receive the journals of other sororities in exchange for our own. We think it a very good idea, and have been looking for their appearance, thus far, in vain, though the *K A Θ* chapter here has received a copy of the ANCHORA.

The Deltas have been very quiet this term. We have had but one diversion from our studies. That was a tea given at the home of Mrs. Matthew.

We had a delightful time and enjoyed meeting Miss Trew a former classmate of Mrs. Matthew at Northwestern University.

Our teas have been quite a success thus far, especially this last one, as we had Miss Montgomery with us: and Mrs. Parker found time to leave that future Delta Gamma boy in order to be with us during a part of the afternoon. We were sorry that one face was not there that we have seldom failed to see with us. Lillian Sigler started for Phoenix, Arizona, the day before the tea. She expects to visit friends there for some time, but we hope to have her with us again before commencement.

LURA WHITLOCK.

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ZETA; ALBION COLLEGE.

Zeta again has the privilege of greeting her sister chapters through the pages of the ANCHORA. As a fraternity, our members are necessarily scattered. The most of our sisters we have never seen, or is it likely, ever will, yet each of us

wear the same mystic symbol, the anchor, so dear to every Delta Gamma's heart.

There should be such a feeling existing between us, that we could in very truth feel that we were "sisters." "The union of souls is an anchor in storms." You have all seen this on the first page of the ANCHORA. Did you ever realize how much it meant? To me it means the key-stone of success in fraternity life. If our chapters were more closely united in bonds of Tau Delta Eta, if we were more loyal to our vows; Delta Gamma would have an anchor that could withstand all storms.

Zeta takes great pleasure in introducing to you her latest initiate, Ada Bullen, '96, who has been pledged for some time. Lela Scofield and Kate Smith also wear the bronze, pink and blue. These are bright, charming girls, and we think ourselves fortunate in having secured them.

At present our chapter consists of fifteen. This term has been a very pleasant one to us, notwithstanding the severity of the weather. A few weeks ago, we gave a reception to the wives of the faculty, in honor of Mrs. Prof. Goodrich, wife of our new Greek teacher. The evening was spent in a very pleasant manner.

Albion College has long lacked buildings, but now we have a new gymnasium, and expect to have new laboratory and library buildings in the spring. We have a very pleasant hall situated in one of the college buildings. There are but two other ladies fraternities here: Alpha Chi Omega and Kappa Alpha Theta, but nevertheless, these are sufficient to cause considerable excitement at "rushing" time. The end of the term is fast approaching and with it examinations. How quickly the time slips away! It is gone before we are scarcely aware of it, showing us how short our school life is.

Zeta extends the best of wishes to her Delta Gamma sisters.

MAE B. HUNT.

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ETA ; BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Nearly a whole term has passed since our last ANCHORA, and Eta has been in a continual whirl of excitement. This is owing greatly to the convention so near at hand, for which plans are rapidly developing and which keeps our meetings very active and interesting. "Rushing" is a thing of the

past, for this year, and all our energies are turned toward the future convention.

We have been unfortunate in losing two of our active members this term. Bessie Wills, of the present senior class, has been forced to discontinue her college work because of weak eyes, and A. Leta Courtney has left us in order to pursue a medical course in Chicago, where she will go in the spring. She is now teaching in Salem, Ohio.

On the 13th of January, the chapter secured Ex-Chief Justice L. N. Owen, of the supreme court of Ohio, to deliver a lecture on "An Hour in the Forum." The lecture was exceedingly entertaining, not only in itself, but from the peculiar manner of the handling. Few ventured forth on account of the inclemency of the weather, but they were well repaid by the dry and sparkling wit which bubbled forth at every unexpected moment, and caused repeated applause.

Eta has another lecture booked for March 17th, and we trust circumstances will be more favorable for a full house. The speaker will be Hannibal Williams, whose great success in Shakespearian readings was proven when he was in Akron one year ago.

We are again rejoicing over the good fortune of a  $\Delta \Gamma$  sophomore. Miss Lulu Parker took the second place in the annual Ashton prize contest of February 25th.

Our senior girls are very enthusiastic over a revolution of which '93 is the instigator. By their efforts, Buchtel will have no graduating exercises this year, but following the example of other colleges, will have an address by an orator and indulge in class-day exercises and numerous other attractions. Our college is rapidly improving in many ways. To the faculty we owe our thanks for a system of government similar to that at Amherst, and for new athletic grounds, second to none in the state. The new science building is under way, and is destined to be the finest in Ohio.

GERTRUDE TABER.

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KAPPA; UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Again, as the time comes to write my letter to you, I despair because there is nothing new and startling to tell. How difficult the task of the ANCHORA correspondent—to make the dull, monotonous round of school life seem gay and full of variety.

As I predicted in my last letter we had initiations just before the last ANCHORA came out. Grace Irene Bridge now wears a Delta Gamma pin. She is so completely one of us by this time that it seems strange to be speaking of her as a *new* girl.

We had a delightful lunch afterwards, at which all but three of our girls were present. We have the advantage over some of you, for all but one of the members of our chapter live in the city, so that our old girls can come to our meetings and be with us almost as much as if they were still in school.

I wonder if any of you have a fraternity exchange like ours?

We were very much pleased to see, in the last ANCHORA, that we were to have several fraternity journals to read besides our own. This suggested to us that an exchange of journals between local chapters would be very interesting. You know that in the west when we think something would be good for us, the very next thing is to get it. The other fraternity people were pleased with the idea, so next month we begin to exchange.

We are all rejoicing over the fact that a fraternity boy won first honors in our local oratorical contest. It is the first time fraternity people have had a chance, and as the non-fraternity students think they must have everything to themselves, we are delighted to be ahead for once. Things like this are occurring right along, and they show us that fraternity spirit is growing in our university. The time is past where fraternities can be ignored or pushed to one side. They demand equal rights and honors with other organizations of a literary nature.

Of course, you are as much interested in the March 15th reunion and the convention as we are. We have elected Martha Hutchison as our representative at the convention. We have our reunion Saturday night, March 18th. Of course, we expect a delightful time.

I am glad I shall have the reunion to describe in my next letter, for really I am afraid, otherwise, it would be as badly off for news as this one.

HELEN GREGORY.

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LAMBDA; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

More than a week since some of us enjoyed that wee glimpse of the home ones; and now we've all settled down

to the new term's work trying to forget that these gay spring months will pass in a wink. That already two-thirds of this happy year together is but a sweet memory.

Since the last letter Lambda has said good bye to two of her sisters and gained a new one. Lonely indeed we were for a time after our dear enthusiastic sister, Avis Grant, left for Baltimore. But her long bright letters full to the twelfth page of Delta Gamma interests make us realize that we have by no means lost her, and that she is just as truly one of us as when she betwitched us all with her earnest words at our Tuesday meetings. And we wish to tell you Psi girls that thanks to Mrs. Grant, Lambda has a clear picture in her mind of ever so many of you, and can speak of her far-away Baltimore sisters with a so much closer and more real sister feeling. Clara King, one of our sophomore girls did not return for this term's study, and though we miss her much, we are consoled with knowing she will be with us again in the fall.

But I must not forget that the latest arrival in our large family has not yet been introduced to you. Constance Gilman has been with us many a week now. A dear sweet lass she is whom we know you would all love. She is a worthy member of the freshman class and was invited to join Delta Gamma in September. We feel joyful indeed that she is at last our own.

We are invariably late to dinner on Tuesday evenings now-a-days, there are so many things to talk about when we are all together—convention, the chapter house for next year that is almost decided upon, the party we propose giving directly after Lent, and the long anticipated reunion next Saturday. The babes who have only been told over and over again of the delights of this day when all the older sisters who can, come home, and those far off write of themselves, are looking forward to it indeed. We are invited for the afternoon to the home of Miss Florence Rose, '92. Just to think of forty Delta Gammas in one house. Will it not be merry?

Of course we all want to go to convention, and a few of us really do have high hopes. However Lambda will be well represented as besides our delegate. ANCHORA's editor expects to go, and Mrs. Grant writes us that she, too, is going.

We have a little friend down street, the dearest bit of a girl with dark hazel eyes and bonnie brown curls. Sometime she will be a loyal Delta Gamma, for you see how pa-

triotic she is even in her baby days. The dear child plays with three dolls whom she has named respectfully, Delta Gamma and Pin, a Delta Gamma pin being in her eyes the most beautiful thing in all the world; and this reminds me, by the by, we are having somewhat of a laugh over the liberties that are being taken with our family name. A caterer even sent in his bill to us last week directed to Miss Della Gamma.

Ah me! I was admonished to write a good letter. But sisters mine, what could you expect from one of the babies?

FLORENCE E. GRAHAM.

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SIGMA; NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

By this time the circulars from the Evanston Entertainment Bureau must have reached all chapters of Delta Gamma, and although it is by no means desirable to make a chapter letter into an advertisement, the unusual virtues of this plan of entertainment make sufficient excuse for writing of it with confidence and enthusiasm.

It is needless to say to anyone who has ever seen Evanston that it is an ideal university town, and that it will be a quiet, restful place to come after a day at the fair, while it may be added for the benefit of all, that means of transportation to the fair promises to be very satisfactory. During the months of vacation good weather is more nearly a certainty than any other time, and an efficient boat service between Evanston and Jackson park is a great attraction in itself. The time of the trip may be counted an hour and a quarter, and the expense at fifty cents for the round trip. The railway trip will be sixty-five cents unless a war is stirred up, when very low rates would result.

The management is desirous of making arrangements as soon as possible with those who wish to come in large parties. It is unnecessary to indicate the advantage and the pleasure resulting from a number of Delta Gammas being here at the same time, whether they be from one chapter or from different chapters. It will be delightful, also, to come in contact with college women from England and the continent, and our patriotism cannot help reflecting that it will afford them an opportunity of seeing that Americans are not barbarians.

The sororities of Northwestern University celebrated a feast on the third of March, which promises to become a



permanent institution. The young men of the university have held a Pan-Hellenic banquet for several years, and this is an adaptation of that idea by the young women. Miss Annie Hitchcock of Delta Gamma opened her home for the entertainment of the Grecian maids. The fraternity girls who are in the Cumnock School of Oratory, presented Grace Furniss' farce of "Tulu" very cleverly, and vocal and exceptional instrumental music were provided with liberality. The feeling of good fellowship and the hilarity which prevailed made one believe the millenium was at hand.

Miss Daisy Martin, a sophomore in the classical course, was initiated into the mysteries of Delta Gamma according to Sigma's interpretation at the first of the winter term.

On the third of February Sigma entertained her friends with a sleighing party to Miss Ethel Babcock's home at Kenilworth, where cards and dancing were the diversions of the evening.

HELEN H. BOCK.

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TAU ; UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Seneca told us long ago that it was a wretched practice to fill up our letters with remarks about the "short and mild winter", or the "backward spring", but out of the fullness or the heart the mouth must speak, and we cannot withhold a groan concerning these ice-bound days. Every Delta Gamma had her ears frozen weeks ago, and who has no chilblains ? (This is a rhetorical question. I do not expect that anyone is able to answer it.) Yet it really seems that out of our afflictions we Delta Gammas grow more attached to each other. Every morning now we all meet in the waiting-room to get warm, and while we thaw we enjoy ourselves as only a band of congenial girls can do.

We think we have a very fine frat this year anyhow. We took in our newest member since last we wrote, and now we have just eight active members, and all of them of the very best sort. Three of us chum together, three others do the same, and then two, and there is besides a system of "interchumming" in constant operation.

But the last member must be introduced. Her name is a poetical one, Virginia Swan, which is partly the reason we fell in love with her. She comes here from Cornell College, this state, and has entered junior in the letters course. She has become a very good Delta Gamma now, for she has been

with us several weeks, and she has readily fallen in as third member or one of the chumming partnerships above referred to. Her initiation was positively our last appearance this year as initiators, which we all knew and so made the most of. We were there in full force, active, lay and honorary members, at the home of Helen Cox, and every one had a separate lot of ordeals to put the candidate through. But she stood the ordeal bravely. She said, "No, she would *not* lie and steal for Delta Gamma", and thus unconsciously saved herself from some of her trials, and afterwards, when we took her out from the mill-sack, we made up with music and jokes and feasting and stories for all that she had to go through.

Now we are at work. The winter term is our time for study, and we "get right down to it". (It might be that our professors would not all agree with us in that statement, but that is merely "a matter of opinion".) We intend no more diversions as a frat until the last of the term, when we have planned an affair which floats as yet in uncertain mistiness above our heads, but which we are morally certain is going to develop into a delightful thing.

MARGARET GLEASON.

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CHI; CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The examinations of the winter term are upon us. The judgment day is close at hand. Some of us rather fear to read the writing on the wall. A week from to-day we shall probably be down in the depths of despair; later, there may be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, to say nothing of a casting into outer darkness. But before that doleful period arrives, we expect to have one glorious reunion. We have letters from many of the old girls and we shall indulge in a luxury of reminiscences to-morrow evening. After that the deluge.

This winter term has gone in a trice. We realize most sadly that the substantial work of the year is over; for the spring term is but "a dream and a forgetting." You know what Tennyson said about the spring time and a "young man's fancy." Our lady principal here says that there's no reason why the same shouldn't be true of a young woman's fancy. So beware! Certain it is that when the balmy spring comes many a girl saunters lakeward with a lunch basket and a young man. But I anticipate! running from

the present evil—exams—to the future good—boat rides on our fair Cayuga.

During the past term, we have tried to be good. We have succeeded indifferently from an individual, nobly from a fraternity standpoint. First of all, we've had another swing at which we introduced, with all due ceremony, Miss Lillian Coleman of Rochester, N. Y., to the Delta Gamma goat. That animal, owing to its recent feast on seven fat initiates, behaved rather better than usual. We have had chapter meetings quite regularly, and attendance has been good, owing to new and stringent rules about fines, which have accordingly been hanging like a sword of Damocles over our heads all terms. Roberts' Rules of Order are nominally a law unto us, but when Bertha and Grace get on the same couch with no pillows between, they are as uncomfortable neighbors as were Simonides and the philosopher in Lucian's story of "The Cock," and parliamentary rules are sometimes forgotten in the general clatter.

All this term, we have sadly missed the presence of our dear president, Jessie Bunting, who did not return after the Christmas holidays. Her brother has been very ill with typhoid fever and she could not be spared from home. She will not graduate this year, as was her intention, but she will be back next term to have her picture taken with us. We have lost another of our strongest girls, this term, Elizabeth Dodds, who because of her genius for finance, apart from the value of her own dear self, has been an inestimable boon to Delta Gamma. She went to New York at the opening of the winter term to attend the Post Graduate Medical School, where she has been studying Pathology and Gynaecology. Elsewhere in this number, she will tell you something of her impressions of a girl's opportunity for medical study.

As for the rest of us—we have gone on the even tenor of our way—occasionally laid up by la grippe, but well and happy for the most part. The Sophomore girls gave last week at chapter meeting a little farce called the "Jack Trust Company." Blanche was Jack and looked quite irresistible in a white tennis suit, white silk shirt—cigarette, everything complete. Leona took the role of the skirt dancer; Gertrude that of the opera singer; Bertha was the aristocratic old boarding-house keeper, a relic of "befoh de wah"; Emily the deaf and dumb lady and Grace the irrepressible and very amusing maid.

The Cornell girls have gotten quite a dramatic fever lately, and various societies have taken to acting. A very

clever little farce called "My Lord in Livery" was lately given by one of the senior societies. They have also started a Choral Club to which several Delta Gammas have the honor of belonging. Class contests have been held by the under classes and some rather lively contests have taken place. Both the girl officers of the freshman class, we would have you know, are Delta Gammas, and have consequently been very important people during the past week. Arrangements are being made for a girl Pan Hellenic banquet. As there are about seventy five Greeks here, we ought to be able to have a royal good time. As usual, one week of the winter term was given up to unmixed gayety. The junior ball and the sophomore cotillion offered concentrated festivity enough for a whole college course. Many of the Delta Gamma girls were among the dissipated of that week.

We have heard many good lectures, this course; such as "The Great Northland" by Mr. Erastus Wiman, and "The Recent Exploration in Egypt" by Dr. Wm. Copley Winslow. The richest treats have come to us, however, in the musical line. Damrosch was here with his incomparable orchestra and stole our hearts away, and last week Paderewski visited Ithaca. I count it a great privilege to live at the same time he does and to have heard him play. Life is surely worth the living as long as such beautiful things can come into it. At times, the piano fairly sobbed under his hands, and again it grew so glad and exultant. Life was full then; one did not need to live any longer. His playing is happily devoid of mannerisms, but when he played "Liszt's Rhapsodie No. 2," his whole frame quivered and his fingers, as they ran from the key-board were clutched like an eagle's claws. And so he gathered up the sweet, wonderful notes and flung them at us over his shoulders, and we picked them up joyfully and went home the better for his providence.

Before the next ANCHORA shall appear, Chi expects to be better acquainted with you all. Some one of us will meet some of you at the Akron Convention. I am very anxious that that shall be as enthusiastic and successful as possible. Let the girl who is best able to represent to others what she has seen and what she has heard, the girl who can best enliven facts, be the representative of her fraternity. Those who stay at home must be made to see what she has seen, and hear what she has heard.

Before the convention, I wish you to have considered a plan which will be explained elsewhere in this paper for a

college girl's glee club at the World's Fair. Your college will, probably, receive a circular from Cornell concerning the matter. Please give it careful consideration. Let every Delta Gamma fraternity constitute itself the committee in its college for the furtherance of the scheme.

And now, it seems to me the most appropriate withdrawal would be *auf baldiges Wiedersehen*.

HARRIET CHEDIE CONNOR.

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PHI; UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

This is the letter which should contain the account of our reunion; but this is impossible as Phi, in order to have a reunion was obliged to postpone her reunion day from March 15th to April 7th. On that day we expect to have a grand reunion, not only of all our former members in college, but of several from other chapters who reside in the state. We hope to initiate Mrs. Barker as an honorary member into ranks of  $\Delta \Gamma$  at that time.

Phi has been exceedingly quiet of late. Nothing of special interest has happened in fraternity circles.

Rumors are afloat of several of the fraternities here, that they will build chapter houses next year. This will be of great benefit to the institution, as it will make room in dormitories which are crowded for new students another year. The university is in a flourishing condition, the attendance this year being 75 per cent more than last, and next year promises as much of an increase over this one. With a goodly appropriation from the legislature, and with the never failing energy of Pres. Baker, the university will be placed on a very firm basis.

Mamie Johnson has accepted a position in Des Moines High School as teacher of French and English.

Miss Leota Woy is now in Boulder. She has completed her designs for the World's Fair. They are said to be fine. Among them is some  $\Delta \Gamma$  wall paper. Miss Woy represents Colorado in this department at the World's Fair.

Phi extends greetings to her sister chapters.

HATTIE HOGARTY.

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OMEGA; UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

We can hardly realize that it is time for another letter, and nearly time for examinations too, for the winter team is almost over.

The faculty thought best this term to go back to the old examination system, much to our sorrow; and as we have not been used to anything of the kind it comes rather hard on us. We have thirteen girls in our chapter house this term, and though we have been told many times that it is an unlucky number, and many awful things have been prophesied for us, yet we have not suffered any of these calamities and consider it rather a good omen.

As convention time draws near, we look forward with great pleasure to the time when we can hear more of our sister chapters. We elected our delegate at one of our recent meetings, and one or two of our other girls are quite anxious to accompany her, but we cannot tell at present just how many will be able to go.

We have had some very interesting letters from our sisters in answer to ours in regard to their condition and active life, a plan which was mentioned in the last ANCHORA letter. It seems to draw us so much closer together to be in actual correspondence with them.

We are making quite extensive preparations for our reunion and banquet which is now only about two weeks away. It will be our first banquet in our new house, and we want it to be a great success, if possible; a good many of our alumnæ sisters expect to come back, and from those who cannot come we expect letters to be read that night.

I was very much surprised to see things published in some of the chapter letters of the last ANCHORA which I supposed ought to be kept secret. I think it would be well for some of our sisters to look over their constitutions carefully and avoid making such mistakes again.

Steps have been taken toward forming an alumnæ chapter here, and though it is not a settled thing as yet, we hope it will prove a success, for it certainly would be a great help to us. A very successful meeting was held with Miss Blanche Harper, Thursday, when about twenty-three of our alumnæ were present.

Miss Marion Johnson, '92, who has been in the city for the past two weeks, coming to take care of her brother who is ill with typhoid fever, is making her headquarters at the lodge.

Miss Helen McMynn, '94, who has been at Wellsley since September, returned home the beginning of this term on account of ill-health.

Miss Katherine McDonald, '86, has been in the city the past two weeks, a guest at the home of Prof. Parkinson.

M. ADA WALKER.

## PSI; WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

Our editor's notice that it was time for another letter struck me with dismay, for, positively, I have nothing to tell.

All through the first term we were just as busy as we could be. It almost seemed as though we would never again have a meeting in which there was no business to be attended to, or no entertainment to plan for some special friend; but finally, in the last few weeks, we have settled down to pure enjoyment.

One of our charter members, Martha Haines of Washington, who was away from college last year, returned on the first of February. We are all delighted to have her with us again. Then, one of Lambda's members, Mrs. Avis Winchell Grant, is spending this winter in Baltimore, and was very informally entertained by Psi some weeks ago. She has been to a few of our meetings, and I cannot tell you how pleasant she has made them for us. We expected to entertain her, but she has turned the tables on us, and we have been entertained instead. Last time, she brought a photograph of the Lambda girls, and read us a letter from one of them. You may imagine how much we enjoyed it; it made us feel so much better acquainted with our western sisters.

Lottie Reinhard is expected to return from her trip to Europe by the first of June, so we hope to have her with us at one meeting at least before the girls leave for home.

We have planned a delightful evening for March 15th, and only wish that some of you could share it with us.

Mrs. Jenness Miller, and several other people have given the students and their friends a number of delightful lectures. Of course Mrs. Miller created the usual amount of enthusiasm.

Yours in  $\Delta \Gamma$ ,

ELMA ERICH.

## PERSONALS.

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### ALPHA.

Miss Allie Toland who recently removed with her parents to Cleveland, spent several days in the city the guest of sisters Harriet and Winifred Marsh of Union avenue.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jester of Kinsman, Ohio, was recently made bright by the arrival of a sweet baby boy, Stanley by name.

### LAMBDA.

**MARRIED.**—Jan. 28, '93, Milton Dwight Purdy and Belle Morin of '91, at the home of the bride's mother in Albert Lea, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Purdy are now residing in Minneapolis.

Miss Gratia Countyman, formerly at the head of the cataloguing department of the public library of Minneapolis, has recently been appointed assistant librarian.

Mrs. Avis Winchell Grant, ex-'92, has returned to Baltimore, where Mr. Grant is completing his course at Johns-Hopkins.

Lillian Gregory, '92, was recently married to Mr. Will O. Carleton.

A baby boy brightens the home of Mrs. Jennie Alden Grimes.



## EXCHANGES.

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"And I oft have heard defended,  
Little said is soon amended."

For the first time in two years, we have the pleasure welcoming *Beta Theta Pi* to our table. Anent the subject of a general fraternity exhibit at the World's Fair, the editor writes:

"The widespread enthusiasm which was manifested about the Greek letter society exhibit when it was proposed by the *Beta Theta Pi*, was supplanted by general disappointment and very reluctantly the committee in charge of the matter decided to take no active steps involving expense, until the World's Fair people reached a decision."

The writer goes on to say that in spite of the fact that most of the fraternities have withdrawn from the movement,

"*Beta Theta Pi*, having secured the space, after much patient and persistent labor, will make an exhibit that is apt to worry a few of her rivals for years to come."

*Beta Theta Pi* should remember the golden rule.

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The poetic muse of *Sigma Chi* has been let loose in the February *Quarterly*, and allowed rather too much liberty for a goddess notoriously indiscreet. The rhymes vary in quality; some are bad, some are worse, but the sentiment is correct. The poets are loyal almost to oppressiveness. As a rule, the masculine journals are overwhelmingly sentimental although one *Sigma Chi* rhymester honestly confesses that

"College men get somewhat tried,  
Making love to other men,  
Just to keep the frat. a-going,  
And fill up the house again."

This looks a little like rebellion, but indicates rather more native veracity on the part of the writer, than do the following lines from the pen of some misguided brother:

"I'm a howling Sigma Chi, always 'till  
I die, says I,  
No other frat. on earth for me, a  
Sig to all eternity."

A most meritorious occupation to be sure, but if the enthusiastic singer lives through man's allotted threescore years and ten, we fear that his patriotism, thus violently expressed, will find its self-imposed task a somewhat arduous one. If the contributors to the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* will take our advice, they will learn to restrain their present propensity for gushing,

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An editorial in the same quarterly kindly congratulates President Cleveland upon his admission into the sacred order of Sigma Chi. The fraternity hopes that Mr. Cleveland appreciates the distinguished honor conferred upon him, and the editor condescends to remark that—

"There never has been the slightest objection to Mr. Cleveland's initiation on personal or political grounds."

This assurance must be gratifying to Executive Head of the United States government, and in fact, to the whole democratic party, which has, no doubt, considered Mr. Cleveland's inauguration into the presidency as quite secondary to his initiation into Sigma Chi.

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The *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record* preaches the doctrine of conservatism in the following plain but pointed words:

"Fraternities, from their very nature, must be conservative to attain their highest ends. They are not intended for the masses, but the elect few, and in what degree a chapter exercises care and judgment in its selection of recruits from the barbarian ranks, taking only such as it can assimilate and make a constituent part of itself, in that degree will it approach its ideal. Only those must be admitted to the

sacred bond of friendship who can properly appreciate it, who are capable of enjoying it and strengthening it by their presence."

We can never resist the temptation to emphasize such opinions. The tendency to increase in numbers at the expense of quality is apparent in many fraternities, and there is nothing that should be more strenuously discouraged. The fraternities that have the most and largest chapters are the ones most widely known, no doubt, and fame is very sweet to most people, and sometimes very useful. But nevertheless, for a fraternity to accomplish its best work, and worthily fulfill its ideals, it is not necessary that its name even be known to those outside its charmed circle. If Delta Gamma never founds another chapter, or never initiates another member, let her keep her standard high, her purpose steadfast, her ideal inspiring.

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The editor of the *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi* in the February number exhorts all chapters to build chapter-houses; urges all alumni to give authentic proof of their mundane existence; vituperates the correspondents who know not how to spell,—all of which are commendable things to do. The editor declares that "poverty is no longer an excuse for not owning your chapter-house," which statement rather surprises us, as we have ever believed that poverty relieved men from the obligations of the millionaire.

In speaking of the alumni, the *Shield* begs for "a revival on the 'personal' question." So does the ANCHORA.

But the original methods of spelling are a weariness to the spirit of the editor.

"Shades of Lindly, Murray, Webster, and Blair, defend us! Such grammar, such spelling, such rhetoric!

We have wondered sometimes what standard of qualification is maintained—not set up—that men writing such English, with such spelling and such diction, not alone are permitted to pass class after class until perhaps reaching the senior year, but were even admitted to college standing at all."

Thus he exclaims. And where is the editor who does not echo these sentiments? If such transgressors were tried at an editorial bar, their misdemeanors would be accorded capital punishment.

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Discoursing like the *Shield*, upon the necessity of improvement in the chapter correspondence, the editor of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* remarks:

"The editors of the *Quarterly* have no power to improve this department otherwise than by an appeal to these sub-editors or the chapters, or by a revision of the letters as they are sent in. Many of these communications are so wretchedly compiled that a proper revision would destroy the original entirely, and leave merely the facts stated in a different form. It requires no argument to understand that this destroys the charm of individuality that the letters ought to possess. We frequently find them written in a forlorn travesty of the Queen's English that reflects nothing but discredit on the writers and more than discredit on the system of education they are pursuing. More frequently, however, letters betray an evidence of haste in their composition that accounts for the errors and the general evidence of imbecility in the writers."

Thus delicately does the *Quarterly* express the frequent thought of all editors. It is somewhat too customary to choose for that office the person whose only recommendation is that they are inexperienced and need practice in letter writing—which, in an editor's mind does not define eligibility.

"Every initiate of a college fraternity should become an active member. In this connection an active member means not simply an attendant member, but an active worker for the fraternity's interest. He should be active, instead of passive, or, in other words, instead of contenting himself merely with enjoying the privileges and pleasures that his membership affords, he should contribute in some way toward the welfare of his fraternity in general and his chapter in particular. Grateful appreciation for the honor conferred on him by initiation should make him constantly strive to lift his chapter and fraternity to a higher plan. Probably

every member is animated with a laudable desire to add to his fraternity's usefulness and strength, but many cannot see in what respects they may become factors in the advancement of the fraternity beyond the conditions in which they find it. They come in contract with established customs, and perhaps it never occurs to them that these customs may be improved, or, if it does, that they themselves should attempt innovations for the better. And yet no chapter or fraternity is so well organized but that there are opportunities for members to make the organization more perfect." *The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*

The above is quoted from an excellent and pithy paper upon "Opportunities for Fraternity Work," and these suggestions with which it opens are so pointed that we earnestly recommend them to the consideration of all who wear the anchor. Do any of us complain that the fraternity does not actually give the help and inspiration to its members, that it professes to yield? If so, let us ask ourselves how much help and unselfish labor have we bestowed upon the fraternity. It is a platitude to say that the most enthusiastic Greeks are those who have worked the hardest for their chapters. The fraternity confers a favor upon every individual whom it receives upon the order; the initiate is asked not only to receive the pledge of friendship from those already united, but also to give a pledge of friendship and support to the society. Of which pledge do members oftenest think?

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A contributor to the *Kep* writes:

The fraternity is, or ought to be, a means of culture to each of its members; but I often wonder if we allow it to include as broad a field as we might. The time and effort spent socially is not lost, for we must have some relief from the heavy strain of college work, but I fear that the fraternity thus sometimes fails to get the best in our lives. We give the friendly chatter and gossip, the funny stories and all that, but reserve our best efforts and those thoughts which come nearest our real soul life for the cold ear of the college professor or an obscure corner of the country paper. It is postposterous that our sisters should not always be the

now and criticise our efforts, not only in special work, but in the broader world in which we must art.

do not entirely agree with the writer, who desires our journal to become a means of manifesting to the latent literary talent of Kappa Kappa Gamma. do we regret the time spent in social meetings in the formal discussion of Browning, and the labor. Except in the transaction of routine business we wish for Delta Gamma as little formality and restraint as possible in her meetings. The chapter life should not be an extension of the college work; it should be an entire and relaxation for her members; in the chapter room, but not less wholesome atmosphere, than in the hall, should prevail. College girls are not so frivolous; their unprepared and accidental conversation will usually be without benefit. The most interested discussions are usually those kindled by a chance word, and because the subject has not been proposed, adopted and laboriously prepared, the debate does not render its discussion less helpful. We usually have enough prescribed work demanded by the college curriculum, and there is a virtue in the accidental as well as in the systematic training, and infinitely more pleasure. We all wish our fraternity to be "a means of service to each of its members," and if our members are composed of women that they ought to be, and that we think we believe it will be. But it is not necessary in order to accomplish this end, to meet our most intimate friends only with the avowed intention of improving one another's minds.

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The *Lebanon Journal of Kappa Alpha* exhibits signs of a good heart. Hitherto it has never been very crude in its treatment of the woman question, which, nevertheless, its editors have a passion for discussing. They have persistently maintained that the circumference of a woman's sphere is defined by the home circle; they have carefully and un-

convincingly explained that her duties are only domestic; they have habitually overlooked the fact that it is sometimes a necessity for a woman to prepare herself for a business life. These idiosyncrasies have not met with sympathy from the feminine journals, whose contributors perhaps are in a position better adapted to judge of the merits of the case than the editors of the *Kappa Alpha Journal*. But even the most belligerent representations of the "ineffable journals" (why do our brother-editors always call the feminine magazines "ineffable"?) can find little fault with the following sentiments:

"From reading the periodicals of the sororities, it might be gathered, that the editors of the *Journal* were woman-haters, and men whose ideas of womanhood were low in the extreme. Such is not true. There never was a staff of men who had truer respect and greater admiration for womanhood; there never was a staff who were more firm in the belief that womanhood is the safety of civilization. But there never was a staff more thoroughly imbued with the idea that woman should be shielded from the hardships of life and helped over its rough places.

Reared in the shadow of Southern chivalry, we dislike to think of woman meeting hardships, struggling with adversity, contending with temptation. We have been taught that it was man's duty, as well as pleasure, to stand between woman and all these things. Not that we do not honor the woman, who, finding herself obliged to meet such things, goes forth with heroism to meet them! Far from this. But only that we hate to see woman courting this.

We do not, as some would have people think, advocate a low type of education for womankind, nor would we confine her to mediocre development. Let woman have the best of all this; but let her avoid the baser ambitions which have wrecked men and nations. The magazines published by the sororities find no warmer welcome than in this sanctum, even when they come full of sarcasm written of the *Journal*. We are glad to see you prospering; we are glad to see you growing and developing; but never outgrow the loving tenderness that is characteristic of the truest womanhood, which does, indeed, rule over the whole human race. Here's to the woman in Greekdom, a long life, full of peace, truth and power!"

There is little more patronage in this than women really enjoy, but it does very well for the beginning of a reform.

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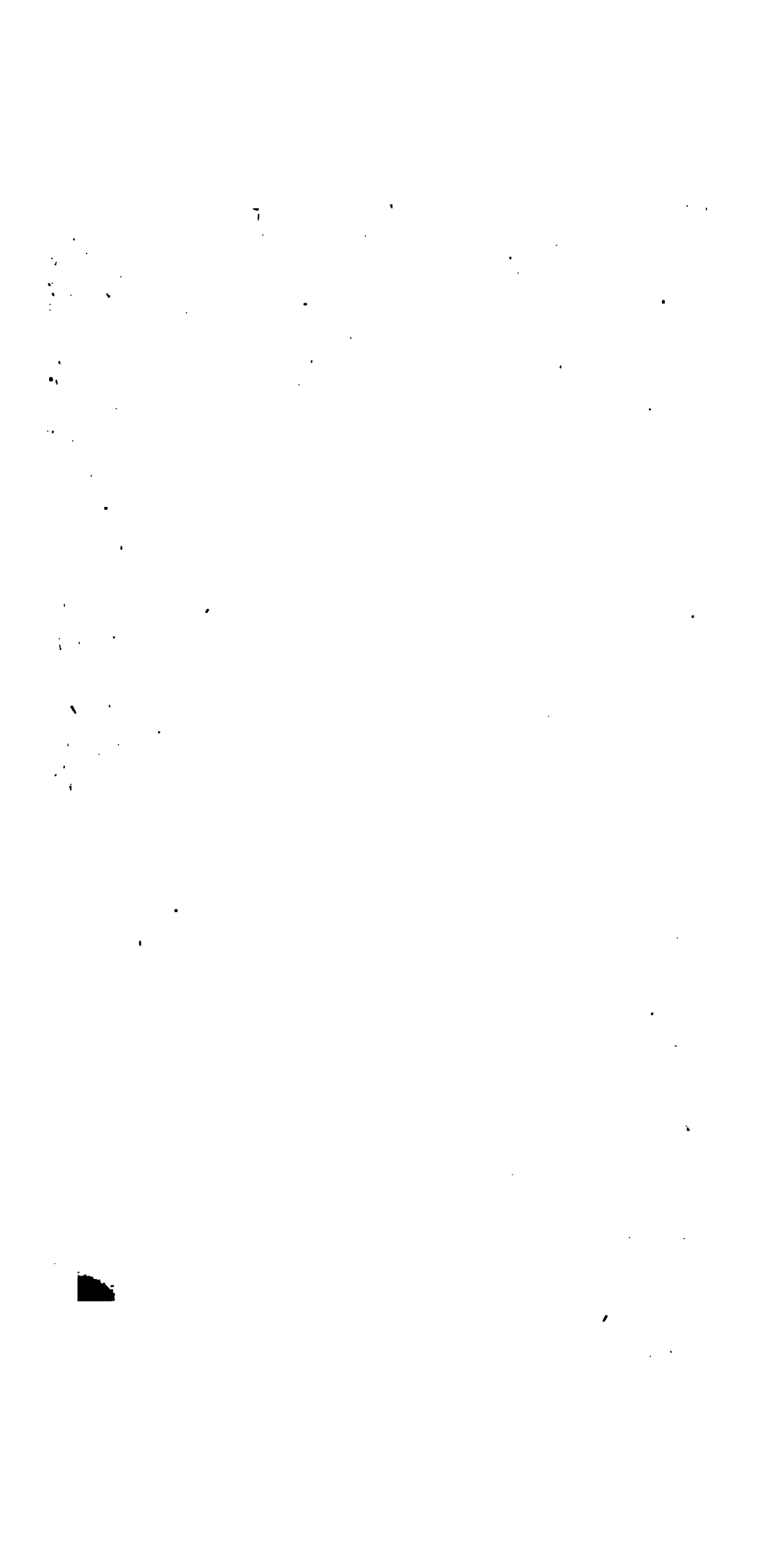
The following editorial clipped from *The College Fraternity*, will interest ANCHORA's readers, in an impersonal way:

"The week commencing July 17th next will be a notable one in the college fraternity world. The congresses are to be held on the 19th and 20th, Wednesday and Thursday. The main congress, however, promises to be only one of the many features which will mark this as the greatest week in Greek-letter annals since the system was first founded. Indeed as compared with the sum total of all other fraternity events, the main congress will be a subordinate feature. It is the custom on such occasions as that offered by the great exposition at Chicago to denominate certain days for the appropriate celebration of the interests of certain departments of human activity. It is almost assured that Thursday, July 20th, will be marked as "Collage Fraternity Day" on the Exposition Calendar. It is expected that the attendance of college fraternity men on this occasion will reach if not exceed fifteen thousand. One fraternity has already arranged for its national convention to be held on Tuesday, 18th, and its members have engaged a whole hotel for their accommodation during the entire week. Another fraternity is arranging for a banquet on the night of the 19th at which one thousand covers will be laid. On the 20th, the Pan-Hellenic banquet will be held and it will exceed anything ever attempted in that line by college men. A number of individual chapters with large alumni rolls will hold reunions in Chicago during this week.

All of the general educational congresses are interesting themselves in the success of the plans for this week, and will assist toward that success by arranging programmes of especial interest to college men. No such convocation of college men or of college fraternity men has ever been held and it is probable that its like will never occur again until some similar occasion inspires the great effort and hearty accord necessary to bring it about.

The effect of this meeting will be of wonderful value to the Greek-letter world, and every fraternity man who can do so should under no circumstances fail to form a part of this vast celebration. It will indeed be a Grecian festival."





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“The union of souls is an anchor in storms.”

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## THE COLLEGE GIRL'S VACATION.

Captain January's "little Star" says that "the dictionary is a brute to be hated and despised," and when the dictionary defines vacation as "leisure," "unoccupied time," what college girl will not agree with her? And yet the dictionary merely voices a wide-spread belief that the college girl's vacation is a time when she simply "suns her and does nothing." How different is the reality! Does she live in the college town? Then first of all she is confronted by a long list of calls, neglected during the busy days of college. The first Sunday after commencement some lady who is going away for the summer asks her to take her Sunday-school class, "for you will have nothing to do this summer." Moreover, next year's sewing must be done, and hence ensue weary days of struggle with fashions and dressmakers, pleasant enough to look back upon when one's gowns are all done to a T, but wretched in the passing. The girl whose home is away from college has to tell a somewhat different story.

She stops to visit Cousin Ellen and Uncle Jack and arrives at home a weak and weary mortal. An enthusiastic welcome, and a long rehearsal of the past week's fun, lasting until the clock strikes twelve, or even one, maybe, is the excuse for a late morning nap. About ten she descends to the sitting room—but what scene of confusion is this? Oh, that too, too energetic mother! What evil fate prompts her to unpack that trunk?

"The Niobe of nations, there she stands,  
Tearless and voiceless in her matchless woe,  
A draggled skirt within her trembling hands,  
Whose binding braid was tattered long ago."

Thus parodies our maiden in the hope of warding off maternal indignation. But yonder ragged elbow, conspicuously displayed, that rent, pinned up so skilfully that it didn't show a bit, now so skilfully laid bare that it does show very plainly, all prepare her to accept in meekness the humiliating little speech, all the more humiliating that it comes from dear mother's lips, beginning: "I never thought that *my* daughter—" but you know the rest, do you not?

By way of punishment, and to prevent like sins in future, our poor college lassie is now condemned to mend up all those elbows, darn the stockings, put on the braids—odious task!—her own sweet self, and thus some weeks of her precious vacation pass. Then she, too, has calls to make and dressmakers to wrestle with. And, ten to one, Brother Will or Cousin Tom has a couple of books of Virgil or solid geometry to make up for entrance examinations, and she becomes the victim on whom the responsibility of his getting through rests.

Thus the weeks slip by, and all the things she "meant to do," put off from day to day, remain, at the end of her holiday, still undone.

And what did she mean to do? Well, read up the magazines, for one thing; she had scarce time to glance at the covers while in college; then she was going to read one or two simple little German or French romances, just to keep her hand in, and all the newest books, of course, novels, poems, she meant to read them all. She meant to surprise papa, too, by learning to cook, and she does set about it bravely, but the family soon decide that she had best wait for that until she's married. Moreover, she must get "caught up" in her correspondence, shamefully neglected during college time. Her music, too, she was determined to practice at least an hour every day. This, with camping and tennis and other fun would keep her busy.

But doesn't she have any fun? Oh, bless your heart, yes. She puns over the stockings, and executes dashing pirouettes, even under the stern eye of the dressmaker; she composes odes to the "pop-overs that wouldn't pop," and

croons a dirge over the "jelly that wouldn't jell;" she gets brown as a berry at tennis and boating; she spends a jolly three weeks in camp; she enjoys a two weeks' visit from her "chum"; but the thing that lies heavy on her soul when she returns to college in the fall is that, though she had "heaps of fun," she "didn't accomplish anything."

Yet, after all, sweet college maids, 'tis better so. "We must learn to take things by and large," to quote Captain January again, and, "taking things by and large," your summer has not been wasted, even though "you didn't accomplish anything" in your sense. Sunshine and exercise have erased last year's tally, and you feel young and hopeful as a freshman. You brought into your home your fund of youthful merriment and enthusiasm, and made it a dearer spot than ever; and a thousand homely, helpful little tasks, unnoticed save by those for whom you did them, have made your friends wonder "what there is about going to college that improves a girl so."

So make ambitious plans for your summer vacation—though I must beg that none of you will plan "making up a term" of college work, for that's sheer folly, and your family ought to interfere and forbid it—and come back to college out of all patience with yourself for not accomplishing anything—a humble frame of mind is a good tonic—but be assured that your vacation has done you more good and you have done more good by it than would have been done had you spent it like a savant, buried deep in books and study.

EMILY RUTH HARRIS,

Lambda.

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#### DUTIES OF ALUMNÆ.

"And each day brings its petty dust,  
Our soon-choked souls to fill,  
And we forget because we must,  
And not because we will." —*Mathew Arnold.*

There are two points of view from which to look at this question: first, the point of view of the alumna; second,

that of the under-graduate. We will consider the second first — for chronological reasons.

The freshman enters college, joins a sorority, and surrounded by the friendship of girls who have been one, two or three years in college, flattered by the *prestige* which connection with an established and esteemed organization gives, and honored (a freshman's innocent idea of honor) by being upon terms of equality and intimacy with girls so much older and wiser, is immediately lifted up to the seventh heaven of bliss by this surfeit of glory. She justly attributes her immediate introduction into the social life of the college to her connection with the fraternity ; she feels that she owes to it the formation of friendships that might not have materialized for years under any other influence, and naturally she becomes an enthusiastic partisan and indefatigable worker for the advancement of the mystic order. The hours that she expected to spend in writing home-sick letters are spent instead in a cosy chapter hall discussing, as girls will discuss, alternately the problems of life and the fashions. She sees the junior and senior girls quite as much interested in sorority as the freshmen, and she expects her affection to become stronger with years. She wonders a little why the girls who were graduated last year do not oftener come to the chapter meetings, where they are so cordially welcomed. She is sure that when time has made her a B. A. she will come back to welcome the perennial freshmen into the charmed circle as long as she can command time and procure street-railway transportation. The idea of a possible diminution in her own interest, never presents itself, and she judges the interest of her sisters who are not lost but graduated, by her own enthusiasm, and expects them to attend chapter meetings and social gatherings with regularity and pleasure ; is surprised that the young school teachers and matrons sometimes forget to pay their subscriptions to song books or fraternity journals, which surprise amounts to a mild indignation if the *alumnae* actually say they do not care for these publications. And that the *alumnae* really seem not to deem it a privilege

to be permitted, at the suggestion of the active members, to furnish a chapter house, their astonishment develops into a sense of personal injury. The mature selfishness that obviously prefers to buy opera tickets for oneself to expending the same round silver dollars upon pictures for a chapter house parlor, is beyond the comprehension of the average active member of a sorority.

In short, the under-graduates consider the duties of the of the *alumnæ* to be: unabated zeal in rushing, undiminished interest in initiations and business meetings of the active chapter; unstinted generosity in financial ways, unlimited hospitality, manifested in perpetual willingness to throw open their homes at any time for all sorts of festivities; perpetual loyalty not only to the spirit of the bond, but in deed to the sorority.

Not unnatural expectations perhaps. But the *alumnæ* evidently do not look at their fraternity obligations in this light; they certainly appear but seldom in the chapter hall; they frequently seem merely amused at the vicissitudes of the rushing season; they exhibit a most reprehensible indifference to the financial difficulties of the chapter; and occasionally are so benighted as to maintain that one outgrows ones fraternity enthusiasm in the course of time. To the active member this sounds like heresy, but to the *alumnæ* it merely describes the natural and inevitable process of development. The interests of college life are very engrossing to students, and they cannot realize how soon it is possible for other things to supercede them in interest and importance. But every alumna who remembers how regretfully she left the college halls upon commencement day, remembers also how soon that regret was dissipated in the pleasure experienced in the performance of new and perhaps unexpected duties. She remembers how quickly came the realization that the college work was only the preparation for her earnest life work. She thinks then of her fraternity relations as one of the many pleasant associations of college days, not as a factor of vital importance in her present life. For one or two



chosen friends within the circle she entertains a warm and enduring affection; for the others her feeling soon comes to be one only of kindly interest. The fraternity as a whole now arouses but a retrospective interest; it is for individuals, and not for the organization, that the alumnæ chiefly care. She thinks of the bond with tenderness, but seldom feels that she still is under obligation to actively exert herself for the extension of the order. Her occasional attendance of chapter meetings only makes her feel how far she has grown away from the things that were once so dear. A reunion with the older girls is always welcomed as the best of good times, for sympathy with her chapter contemporaries only increase with years. To the alumna the fraternity always means the chapter which was active in her college days.

The alumnæ do not forget how serious the questions of fraternity policy once seemed, but they learn with experience that most of the difficulties are fictitious, and that a very few years are sometimes sufficient to work a revolution in the character and standing of any given chapter. They do not forget how sincere the active members always are in their desire to further the prosperity of the organization, and if they feel a certain sense of relief that the exciting duty of rushing is no longer theirs, they are none the less glad when the conquests are made.

If a fraternity approaches to the realization of its ideals, its influence does not cease with college days, but though its influence may not cease, it necessarily changes. To the alumnæ it comes indirectly and usually as a memory, rather than as a potent formative force to be felt in daily life. However tender the feeling of the alumnæ may be for the fraternity, they realize that though its advancement may in a measure depend upon them and their loyalty to its principles, its importance lies in its influence upon the under-graduates. For them it has done its chief work.

If this view of the case seems harsh to the active members, let them postpone their judgment for a few years, and in the meantime try to believe that if their alumnæ are

doing earnest work in the world, seeking ever the highest culture and progress, they are daily manifesting their loyalty to the bond, even though direct connection with the chapter be severed.

INA FIRKINS.

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#### RE-UNION OF PHI CHAPTER OF DELTA GAMMA.

We were obliged to put off our re-union this year until April seventh, but by so doing were enabled to have more of our old members here, which made it all the pleasanter.

Mrs. Richard Whitely again threw open her home to us, and it was a jolly crowd of Delta Gammas who assembled there at half-past eight. Beside the active members there were present five of the charter members, Mrs. Richard Whitely, the Misses Hortense Whitely, Carrie and Jennie Sewall, and Wilbertine Teters, also Miss Rippon, the Misses Bertha and Edith Root, and Leota Way.

We all enjoyed having with us two members of other chapters, Mrs. E. H. Pence from Hanover, and Miss Lulu Johnson from Madison.

Soon after all had assembled we proceeded to the initiation of an honorary member, Mrs. Barker. Mrs. Barker is one of the old citizens of Boulder, and is a leader in both business and society circles. We are proud to introduce her to our Delta Gamma sisters.

At the banquet which followed, toasts were responded to by Miss Rippon, Miss Jennie Sewall, Miss May Fuller, and Miss Wilbertine Teters.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity sent us a lovely anchor of Delta Gamma roses and Sig violets. Mr. Russell presented us with some pink roses. Our four pledges assisted in serving the refreshments and looked so pretty that we felt we could justly be proud of them.

The favors were so dainty, a Delta Gamma anchor in white and gold with a rope wound of the colors and the menu was placed on the back of the shield. They were designed by an old member of Phi, Leota Woy.

At a late hour we reluctantly separated, but met again the next morning and took a tally-ho ride up into the mountains.

We shall look forward to reading the accounts of the other re-unions in the ANCHORA, but I am sure none of you had any better time than we did.

We suggest that any Delta Gammas who come into Colorado, send their names to us so that we may know of their whereabouts.

PHI.

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#### THE BEST SIDE OF FRATERNITY LIFE.

When the songs of Delta Gamma ring in our ears and make us strong in our loyalty; when, at re-union time, the enthusiasm of the alumnae members is joined to our own, or when some freshman, for whom we have worked and waited, at last pledges herself, we are stirred with the same kind of emotion which the soldier feels, when, after hearing some stirring appeal to his patriotism, he volunteers to risk his life for his country. But this emotion—this feeling that fills his heart to overflowing—what would it be worth if it were not proved by the dreary marches, the lonely nights under the stars, and the hard fighting?

So after all, in fraternity life it is not the re-union nor the song which are worth most and bring out the best side of fraternity life. It is the every day life with its trials and disappointments, as well as its victories, which proves whether we are sisters and friends in action and heart as well as in name, and whether we are living up to the high standard of fraternity life.

OMEGA.

## EDITORIALS.

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The minutes of convention will shortly be printed, and a copy sent to each active member. Alumnæ who desire to procure copies can do so by addressing the editor.

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The Eighth Biennial Convention of Delta Gamma has convened, deliberated and adjourned, and as a result of these proceedings the universe has taken a new lease of life. The delegates, the visitors and the alumnæ, who so recently were gathered together in business sessions, seriously striving to further the best interests of our order, have scattered once more from New York to California. The delegates who were sent by their chapters to suggest and adopt new ideas, have returned to report their work and spread throughout the chapter the enthusiasm and inspiration that has come to them in such large measure. The alumnæ who for one week have dropped their household cares, or left the engrossing professional work, have returned to the every-day routine with a warmer feeling in their hearts for the old college days, a re-awakening of the dormant affection for the old time friends, and a deeper interest in the efforts and aspirations of the younger sisters. The three days spent together in Akron sped so quickly that we hardly learned to differentiate names and faces, and yet does not every one who had the good fortune to be there, feel that Delta Gamma means something more to her than it did one month ago? But the bond that once in two years brings our delegates half way across the continent to meet and part in less than one week needs no praise. It speaks without words.

The recent convention was such an one as Delta Gamma's present condition of quiet prosperity would lead all to expect. No radical changes were suggested; none were needed. To be sure a thorough revision of the constitution was recommended, but this was in reference to its form rather than its substance. The feeling prevailed that a continuation of our present policy as a fraternity is desirable. It is better to keep on in the old lines than to waste energy in overcoming experimental friction.

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During the convention there was made manifest a general feeling in favor of more rapid extension, and perhaps there is such a thing as being too conservative. It is a "fault that leans to virtue's side," however, and now that several colleges are under immediate consideration as potential Delta Gamma strongholds, it is especially important that the old policy be remembered for the good there is in it, and that the reactionary feeling against conservatism be not allowed to get the better of judgment and discretion. No chapter should hesitate to send in a negative vote, if this decision has been a conscientious one. Yours may be the one chapter that has had exceptional opportunities for learning the condition and prospects of the institution under consideration, and no feeling of reluctance to be in the minority should prevent a chapter from casting an honest vote. As a rule, the larger colleges are the ones in which an entrance is most desirable; they afford a wider field for fraternity work; they contain more material from which to choose, and generally speaking the material is of better quality than is met with in the smaller institutions. Even if the field is already occupied by one or two fraternities, a large college offers the best of opportunities for growth and development. One third or one fourth of the best students in a progressive and growing institution would ordinarily be a more preferable addition to Delta Gamma than all the best ones of a smaller college. Of course in any case the greatest care must be observed in

the selection of charter members. In the larger universities, the Greeks usually have a struggle for life, and the worst thing a fraternity can do is to grant a charter to an indifferent chapter with the expectation of educating them up to the fraternity standard. The object is not simply to effect an entrance into an institution of enviable reputation; it is to enter it with a well selected chapter. No doubt it is more difficult to attract good material in a strong fraternity centre than in a smaller institution, but the possibilities of future greatness render it worth a struggle to obtain, a struggle that would not be required in second rate colleges. The location, endowment, management and reputation should all be seriously considered before granting a charter in any institution.

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A resolution was passed by the convention to the effect that Delta Gamma as a fraternity condemns the practice of indulging in any thing that borders upon cruelty, in initiations. While many of the chapters may consider the resolution uncalled for, inasmuch as they have never been indiscreet in this particular, they will all agree that it is a matter for precaution, and that the time to prevent unfortunate accidents is the present. We do not need the sad experience of some of our Greek friends to prove to us the necessity of watchfulness and the utmost care in mock initiations. As the subject has been discussed editorially during the year, it is unnecessary to dwell upon it at length at this time, but it is one that every chapter should bear continually in mind, and not dismiss with the passing thought that sometime in the future they will seriously consider just what is meant by prudence and risk in this connection, and for the present continue in the old, careless way. Think about the matter now.

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The summer of '93 promises to be one long to be remembered in fraternity circles. Even had no special arrangements for Pan-Hellenic meetings been made, the

World's Fair would probably have brought about many an accidental reunion and unexpected meeting of brothers or sisters "in the bond." To make the opportunity a larger one, the Pan-Hellenic committee have set dates and arranged meetings, to which all fraternity people are invited, leaving it, of course, to the discretion of the various orders to decide upon the time and place for their exclusive reunions. The labors of the committee ought to be rewarded by a large and enthusiastic attendance of the sessions to be held July 19th and 20th. The nature of the meetings was explained in the April ANCHORA, and as the list of speakers has not yet been decided upon, little can be added to the announcements then made. Take the excellence of the entertainment upon faith, and make your plans to be in Chicago in the balmy month of July. The Pan-Hellenic convention will be like a patent medicine — good for all diseases. If you have been ultra-conservative, and believed in the intrinsic superiority of your own order, to the exclusion of faith in the good of others, it will be well for you to meet those others in friendly council, and learn that there are virtues in all women, and that the difference between fraternities is one of letter, and not of aim. If you have already entered into the broader thought, it will be well for you to go to the convention to demonstrate your convictions and impart some of your enthusiasm to the wavering minority. The virtue of the Pan-Hellenic council lies more in the spirit of good-fellowship, that will be at once its cause and its effect, than in any measures it may adopt, or any reforms it may inaugurate. The advancement made in fraternity standard within the past few years is proven by the possibility of holding such a convention. Let Delta Gamma not be backward in showing her sympathy with this movement, but manifest her appreciation of the generous spirit in which it originated by sending a large delegation from every chapter to the convention. In view of the fact that Miss Ethel Baker, of Sigma, has been appointed chairman of the committee, in place of Miss Small, resigned, it

especially behooves Delta Gamma to show an active interest in the movement.

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The feminine half (or is it two-thirds by this time?) of the population of America and Europe is on exhibition as we write. Ordinarily woman looks to see her achievements chronicled only on the fourth page of the daily papers, and even in that obscure corner, reported in a humorous and condescending style that arouses her nineteenth century spirit to a pitch of dangerous indignation. There is another story (as you-all-know-who would say) now to tell. Obscurity and ignominy have given the place to a brief moment of glory. The name of woman now flaunts upon the front page of the daily press, and the headlines indicating her movements are as large and alliterative as the descriptions of a New York failure. Women to-day are interviewed and their achievements reported with the same respect that has ever been accorded to base-ball players, United States senators, and other objectionable members of society. To the Woman's Congress now in session is due this unprecedented publicity. The Columbian Exposition opened the door to glory for women, and they did not refuse to enter and prove the superiority that unregenerate man has so rudely doubted. He will doubt no more.. Woman's greater originality and versatility has been proven now beyond the possibility of dispute. Did any masculine mind conceive the idea of a Man's Building at the Fair? No. Did the idea of holding a Man's Congress for the discussion of their achievements occur to one of them? No. And why not? Because no man ever accomplished any great work without the co-operation of woman. They have nothing to exhibit. Their lack of originality and enterprise has been publicly demonstrated. They have proved incapable of doing much of anything alone, of anything that is to say, except taking the credit of doing everything, to themselves. They are expert at that, and all to no purpose, for one cannot put self-glorification in a glass case (unless one takes a



specimen of the genus man itself) and place it upon exhibition, with the privilege of purchase, if desired. The hour of man's debasement has arrived; not one among them can embroider a doily with a long and short stitch; not one can tell the difference between Kensington and applique work, and it is as plain as logarithms. Consequently their doom is sealed. The doctrine of masculine superiority is proved fallacious; here was offered them the opportunity to prove their greatness, and they rejected it. Weakly they shrank from a competitive exhibition. Silently they have retired in the back seats, until recently occupied by their wives and daughters. How long they will keep them is not yet determined. It depends largely upon how well the women like the front ones. If they find the latter uncomfortable in the course of time, they will return to the former, regardless of the derisive comments of man.

Meanwhile, with representatives from every civilized nation, the women are busily discussing art and industry, education and housekeeping, religion and politics. Seriously speaking, it is a curious assembly, representing the earnestness of many women, the eagerness of others, and the curiosity of the vast majority. Side by side the modest *litterateur*, sits the dress reform crank; next the brilliant woman preacher, stands the persevering woman suffragist. Here meet the leaders in temperance work and the kindergartners. Gathered together under one roof are the women who represent our highest intellectual development, and those who join the throng from the simple love of excitement, the most serious and the most frivolous; all sorts and conditions of women, the discontented and the satisfied, the social leader and the working girl. Women of the most diverse interests, and of antagonistic views, are meeting upon the common ground of womanhood, agreed in but one fundamental point, the desire for the best progress of their sex.

This congress is the product of the nineteenth century. A generation ago, such a thing would have been impossible, a generation hence, such a thing will be unnecessary. It is

interesting as indicative of the perturbed state of the feminine mind. What its effect, direct or indirect, may be upon the so-called woman question, it is best to leave to time to answer, for this is a case in which Hosea Bigelow's advice, "Don't never prophesy unless you know," will be followed by the wise.

## CHAPTER LETTERS.

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### ALPHA ; MOUNT UNION COLLEGE.

Reunion day was spent very pleasantly by the girls of Alpha at their new room in the ladies' hall, March 18th. Early Saturday afternoon, girls from far and near began to gather, and soon the room was filled by a group of merry girls. The time before supper was used by the older members in giving interesting accounts of their good old college days, after which we repaired to an adjoining room, where we found a table spread with tempting viands. After doing ample justice to the repast and listening to a number of toasts, we once more found our way to the parlor, where the rest of the evening was spent in reading reunion letters. This day will be recalled with fond remembrance by those present, and the only thing we regret is that it does not come oftener. Among the visiting members were: Mrs. Carrie Shimp-Goss, Omaha, Neb. ; Julia E. March, Leetonia, Ohio ; Alva Moore, Newton Falls, Ohio ; Rebecca Evans, Kent, Ohio ; Hattie Linville, Canton, Ohio.

Not long ago the active members of Alpha chapter, in company with the goat, wended their way to the photograph gallery. Although the goat was very restless, the photographer finally succeeded in getting his attention. This picture makes a very valuable addition to our number, for, although our fraternity goat is not very young, this is the first picture he has ever had taken.

Alpha chapter was well represented at the convention at Akron this spring. Miss Harriet Goss, the delegate elected, was accompanied from this city by Misses Gertrude Warren, Harriet and Winifred Marsh and Rosa Tolerton. Misses Florence Overton and Allie Toland, from Cleveland, were present, as was also Miss Rebecca Evans, from Kent. The girls were delightfully entertained while in the city, and were very much pleased with the convention.

MATTIE HOYER.

## DELTA; UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

How soon it is time for another chapter letter! It seems but a few days since I wrote the last one.

We had a jolly time among ourselves reunion day. Since it was close upon examination week, we celebrated with a "spread," and did not attempt an elegant affair.

April 27th, Mrs. Thomson gave a garden party for the Delta Gammas and an equal number of young men. All sorts of games were played under the shade trees; among them, quoits and krokinole seemed the most popular. Under an immense palm tree was a large olla of orangeade, which proved quite an attraction, as it was an ideal summer day. Perhaps our eastern sisters can hardly realize that it was warm enough to spend the entire afternoon out-doors, and that the roses and orange-blossoms were thick enough to fill the air with their perfume. The lunch was the daintiest and most delightful of all those for which Mrs. Thomson is noted, and the whole day will long be remembered as one of the most pleasant that we have ever spent. Dear girls, we pity you who have no kind Delta Gamma mother near you to give you parties, for they are so much pleasanter when one knows nothing of the responsibility and work.

The college of music students gave a May party the evening of the first of May. They elected as May Queen Maud Whitlock, and when she had chosen her chief counselor, they held the regulation May day exercises.

The colleges of Southern California have organized, and have held their first athletic field day. The Pomona College won both cups. We got second place. Next year we hope to win first ourselves, and I think we would have won this time if the enthusiasm of the girls could have been utilized.

We are now planning for a Pan-Hellenic reception to be held about commencement. I wish more of our Delta Gamma sisters were near us, so they could be invited. Just think! Miss Montgomery is the only Delta Gamma here who does not belong to our chapter, for of course we claim Mrs. Thomson, since she founded our chapter.

LURA WHITLOCK.

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ZETA; ALBION COLLEGE.

The spring term is nearing its close, and vacation will soon be here. We had not realized this so much until we

received a letter from the editor of ANCHORA, stating that it was time for our quarterly letter. We are all busily engaged in our respective duties, yet find time to send greetings to our sister chapters.

We look back over this year's work, and find that there are left many "footprints on the sands of Time." Many, indeed, that we would willingly have effaced; yet there are many more that will forever be as bright gems in our history.

In our fraternity life we too often forget that each chapter is but a link in the chain which binds us into one organization. We well know that the whole fraternity — as a fraternity — cannot do its work well without the support of each chapter, and Zeta wishes to do her share. The letters from our sister chapters are an inspiration to us, and we do hope that ours are of some interest to you.

One fine night, not long ago, we introduced Miss Helen Davis to the D. G. "goat." Nanny was in fine shape, and with the assistance of four of our alumnæ—Misses Lizzie Landon, Amanda Barnhart, Mattie Lownsberry and Emma Warren, he brought the initiate down to a humble state of mind.

We would not forget to introduce to you our two new pledged members, Florence Riddick, '96, and Millicent Cross, '97. They are two bright, studious girls, and we are to be congratulated on having secured them.

We are sorry to have two of our most active members leave us at commencement time; but as such are the decrees of fate, we must make the most of it. In June, Myrtie Moors and Hattie Millard leave us by graduation.

On the 27th, or near that time, we give an informal reception to the Alpha Tau Omega boys and their visiting members, who will be here at that time to their convention. An enjoyable time is expected.

A few weeks ago, Miss Lottie Bruce, one of our active members, invited us to spend the evening at her home. We went expecting to have a most enjoyable time, and were not disappointed.

Our meetings are very pleasant this term. We all feel an interest in fraternity work, and expect to be made even more enthusiastic when our delegate returns telling us of the convention.

Zeta sends her best wishes to her sister chapters.

MAE B. HUNT.

## ETA ; BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Time for another ANCHORA, and all except convention seems blotted from our minds, and a long blank left where ANCHORA's notes should be. We have already settled down to our college work, and convention is a thing of the past, but not forgotten, as were the notes. As long as we feel this pleasure and benefit derived from the association and mingling of ideas and thoughts of sister chapters, convention will be a living active helper to us, inspiring us in our college work, as well as in the beloved fraternity.

Our March reunion took place at Mrs. Schumacher's. It was a rainy night, but the girls did not stop for this, and gathered together to hear the letters relating the trials and pleasures of teaching, of home duties, and a hundred other obligations. How strange it seemed to hear the letters from those with whom we associated only one year ago, and others to whom we are perfect strangers only for the bond of  $\Delta \Gamma$ , which makes us at once beings of the same aspirations. Surely, this evening is one of the pleasantest of our fraternity life.

On April 14th, the active and pledged girls spent an evening at Abbey Olin-Herricks. It was our first visit at Abbey's new home, and an exceedingly pleasant one it proved to be.

Eta wishes each Delta Gamma a pleasant vacation, and every chapter a happy reunion in the fall.

GERTRUDE TABER.

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KAPPA ; UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

I have so much to tell this month that I am actually at a loss to know where to begin. Perhaps I had better take up events in the order in which they happened. Our March reunion was a great success. We spent it much as we always do. We had seven o'clock tea at Nell Cochrane's. I say tea — well I hardly know what to call it — we had such a conglomeration of things to eat. Of course there were lots of olives, but dear me! if I commence to tell you what we had to eat, I should take up entirely too much space. Of our nineteen members and two pledged girls, eighteen were present. Lulu Green and Ada Caldwell were in Chicago, and one of our pledged girls was sick. Of course we had toasts. "Familiar Hymns," from Bessie Wing ;

"Greeks at the World's Fair," from Nell Cochrane; "Some Men, Like Pictures, are Fitter for a Dark Corner," from Miriam Starrett; "Similar Fish in Similar Waters are Found," from Helen Harwood; "The Coming Crisis—Crimoline," from Helen Gregory; "What do we live for if not to make others happier?" from Lydia Mullen. Most of the girls really surprised us by their brilliancy. Martha Hutchison was a delightful toastmistress, and kept us laughing all the time by her bright little speeches.

We made a brave attempt at having our picture taken before Martha Hutchison started to convention, but alas! you should have seen it! It was a wretched failure. Of course we wanted to make a good impression on our Delta Gamma sisters, so we gave up sending our picture. We hope you appreciate our sacrifice.

We were more than delighted to be able to see Miss Whitely, of Colorado, even if it were for just a minute on the platform of the Pullman at half-past ten at night. We rallied our brothers and fathers and best young men (the latter were few and far between), and bravely went down to the train, although it was misty and muddy. I am afraid we were a sorry looking crowd, for you know girls never look well with "naturally curly" hair straightened out by a breeze. But I guess we made noise enough to make up for our slimsy appearance. How we envied our delegate! Going to convention seemed the one desirable thing in the world, as we said good-bye to our dear Mat and to Miss Whitely.

Now I must tell you, before I am led away to something else, that we initiated Fanny Woods shortly after our March reunion. Initiation was held for the first time in my house, and I assure you we initiated the house as well as Fanny. A stand-up lunch refreshed us after our labors. Fanny Woods had been pledged to us for some time, and the more we knew her the more we wanted her to be a real Delta Gamma, so we were doubly glad to initiate her.

A few weeks ago, Sigma chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained all the fraternity people in the university with a fortune party. Beta Theta Pi gave a delightful card party a few evenings ago, at the house of Mr. Woods.

All the anti-fraternity people, as well as the "frats," are greatly excited by vague and extravagant rumors about new fraternities which are coming in next year. We are quite certain of at least two new boys' fraternities, and we are fervently hoping someone will have pluck enough to start

another girls' fraternity. There is plenty of good material, if some one only cared enough about it to persevere.

We have only one more week of school. Our commencement is from the first of June to the eighth. We have two seniors—Nell Cochrane and Martha Hutchison. Pearle Camp graduates from the music school. We are quite forward in the way of honors at the banquets this year. Sara Schwab has the toast for the class of '91 at the alumni banquet, and Nell Cochrane speaks for the senior class at their outing on class day. Martha Hutchison has the senior toast at the junior-senior banquet. We are right in it, you see.

It hardly seems possible that another year has gone—that when this letter comes back to us in print, we will all be scattered so. I think we all feel that our love for our fraternity and for each other has grown more unselfish this year. We have had to work, we have had some hard battles to fight, and I think it has made us more united. We often feel discouraged and think that, after all, perhaps we have mistaken a wrong policy for the ideal one, but we do try and are constantly endeavoring to root out what is petty and narrow, and to attain a nobler, purer fraternity life.

Of course we have already made some plans for next year. Summer vacations always give us new ideas and fresh energy. One thing we have resolved to do, and that is to make our fraternity meetings better in a great many ways—to make them less a meeting for gossip and chat, and more a place to discuss the matters vital to our success as a chapter.

Kappa wishes you all as merry a vacation as she hopes to have herself, but hopes, too, that you will resolve, with her, to come back more enthusiastic than ever for Delta Gamma.

HELEN GREGORY.

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LAMBDA; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Yesterday we had our last weekly meeting of the year. I think we went, some of us, with the idea that the hour together would be rather mournful; but you know it wasn't a bit. There were ever so many things to be talked about and settled up; and then we couldn't feel very sad when those '93 girls would be so jolly and unsentimental. Ah, well, I suppose life looks unusually bright to them these days; with minds full of class night and commencement



gaieties and plans for the new work of next year, there isn't much time yet to think of the separation from us. However we've cajoled them into having a Delta Gamma picnic right in the middle of commencement week, and we are going to run off with our three much-in-demand seniors to some pretty, retired place to have one more happy day together.

I wonder if we do not feel fairly well acquainted now. Our delegate has put it all so clearly before us that we could almost imagine we had been among that enthusiastic crowd assembled, two weeks ago, at Akron. A few of us went to the train to meet the girls on their return from convention, and before we left the street car with them knew Miss Connor was as lovely as her letters, that Sigma girls are "ducks" (Mabel's highest praise), the Iowa delegate "so cute," "the Baltimore girl with Avis you would all love," &c., something about each delegate, and that we were to have the pleasure of entertaining the convention in '95. Then, an evening or so later we all gathered at Mrs. Firkins, and Ina and Mabel began at the beginning, telling it all the way through. After which we went into the dining room, where Frances had spread a delicious feast for us and, while we enjoyed it, discussed and asked questions of all we had heard.

The fifth of this month we entertained our friends at Bertie Pratt's lovely home on Bryant Avenue. We look back upon the evening with much pleasure and some satisfaction, for our principal entertainment was a new venture and we were a bit dubious about it. We presented a little three act farce called "The Spirit of 1903." Our audience assured us it was a success. If only you could have seen our Clara Kellogg in the costume of a gentleman of 1903. All were in love with the very handsome young man of ten years hence. Indeed Clara's gallant appearance and spirited acting received such applause that any one else's head would have been turned—but then, Clara is a senior. Constance Gilman did her part very naturally and made a most bewitching little sweetheart. Leila Clough and Grace Tennant, as strong minded women were delightfully funny, while to think of Ruth Harris and the baby is to laugh. Ruth's role was the down-trodden husband whose manner of performing his domestic duties was very odd indeed. Our scenery and foot-lights were rather amateurish, but the stage was good and the little boy pulled the curtain across at the right time. After the "theatre" dancing was in order, while all who went into the library seemed greatly to enjoy listen-

ing to fine music and funny stories through the medium of a phonograph.

Last night when I told our editor that I hadn't a letter for her yet but that I would surely write one to-day, my sisters looked mildly shocked. "Why, there is so much to tell, you know, all about alumnæ day, and the party, and commencement and chapter house and—"

Well, Reunion day seems long ago, still it is fresh in our minds, and what a good time we did have, talking and laughing and listening to letters. The banquet is not to be forgotten either, and we each discovered such dainty little souvenirs by our napkins, some in pink, some bronze, some blue.

As for our chapter house, I don't know. We discuss it at every meeting, but we seem to be hard to please, and there is certainly a scarcity of houses in the vicinity of the University. Yet we do not give up all hope and the committee is going to be very active this summer.

We were pleased to have with us the Misses Clauson of Omega one morning last April.

Our recitations are finished to-day, and at the close of another week we shall all be scattered. Most of us anticipate a visit to Chicago during the summer and hope we may run across some girl who wears the anchor.

We wish for you all a happy, restful holiday.

FLORENCE E. GRAHAM.

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#### XI; UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The beautiful spring weather that we have been having here seems to herald the nearness of commencement. Only six weeks more, and final examinations will be over, and we shall bid farewell to friends and classmates, some of us for a few months, and some for how long?

Xi grieves at the thought of losing her three seniors, whose experience and foresight have kept her from indiscretion, and whose forbearance and remembrance of their own early college days have encouraged the underclassmen. We cannot fill their places, but what junior does not have the fullest conviction that she alone can assume the proper dignity of a senior? What sophomore does not feel that her proper sphere is the junior's? What freshman is not assured that a year's experience is all that is necessary to fit one for the higher education of next year's freshies, for

wreaking stored up vengeance on the innocent initiates of the coming year?

A year's close companionship in our pleasant chapter house has done much for all of us. Our number has been increased by another Dear Girl, from Wellesley, Flora Gale Barnes of Eta, who entered the University in the second semester for post-graduate work. Needless to say, we have all felt her sweet influence, and hope to keep her with us another year.

The days are very busy ones with us, with occasional interruptions. The Michigan legislature visited the University in March, and they were welcomed by the cheers of the entire corps of 2700 students assembled in University Hall. Such a waving of handkerchiefs, and such ear-splitting class yells will not soon be forgotten!

We have had a number of inter-fraternity meetings with our Greek sisters here, which have resulted in the adoption, by all the sororities but one, of a set of resolutions concerning rushing in the fall. We have all decided to postpone the day for bids until the Thursday before Thanksgiving Day; and have promised not to wear any pins for the first two weeks, in order to more disinterestedly help the new students in starting their work. If all things prosper next fall, as fairly as they promise, this action among the societies will do much to lessen the bitter feeling between us, which rivalry prompts and which we all sincerely deplore.

The spring vacation gave us each a welcome rest, and those of us who went home came back refreshed by the week's enjoyment.

Our social life has been varied with afternoon receptions, lectures and concerts; and we have had several opportunities of listening to fine talent.

But the physician has been among us and put a stop to some of the enjoyments. Nothing very serious, two of us were put into solitary confinement for entertaining the measles, that most unromantic of mortal ills.

Just at present our anxieties are aroused over a search for a new chapter house for next winter, and in squads of six and eight we don our best crinolines and go out on exploring expeditions.

Our three travellers have just returned with the most interesting accounts of the convention with Eta— but I am trespassing, and will close with best wishes of Xi to every one for a happy and fruitful vacation.

GRACE DELAFIELD STURGES.

## SIGMA ; NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The last of the year seems to be full of work. As it is the fashion now to attribute everything to the World's Fair, perhaps this state of affairs may be accounted for in this manner also.

It seems to us often that the ANCHORA letter always is sent in just before some event which will be old news by the time of the next issue. This is doubtless a vain human complaint against circumstances which cannot be changed, as is also the rebellion over the fact that the most important communications from other chapters come to Evanston when half our numbers are out of town for vacation. In spite of these unpleasantnesses, however, it is desirable to mention the annual reunion, which was held on the 17th of March at the home of Miss Whitely. We were very happy in having with us Miss Riddle and Miss Linnie Flesh, from Omega, and Miss Cutler, from Theta, as well as a number of Sigma's alumnæ. After the usual letters had been read, the company was delightfully entertained by a piano solo from Miss Mary Lord, and a programme of recitations by our elocution girls, Miss Camille Ferris, Miss Sara Parkes, Miss Corinne Harbert and Miss Lily Parker.

At an informal party at the home of Miss Hill, Miss Clara Guernsey and Miss Grace Guernsey were pledged to us. They are in the second year preparatory for the philosophical course.

The last Friday evening in April, Sigma's annual party was given at the Evanston Club, through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Harbert. About forty couples enjoyed the dancing, and Sigma believes this last to have been her most successful party.

HELEN H. BOCK.

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TAU ; UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

The spring term is almost over, and we think with regret, especially we poor seniors, who return no more to Tau and S. U. I., that we have but four more weeks to spend together. Our partings have in fact already begun, for Margaret Williams, '93, left the first of May on the Bahama Expedition, the object of which is special scientific research in many lines. On her account we gave our annual senior spread, usually the last of the year, much earlier, and it was indeed a success. At that time Kate Bostede '91, was with us also.

She stopped here on her way to Chicago. We also had a pledged member, May Montgomery, who joined early in May. She is our one eastern girl, all the rest of our members being from the "wild, wild west." We are all charmed with her, but this is not surprising, for "to know her is to love her." She is a special student in literature, and has considerable talent in that line; and we are very proud of our latest addition to Delta Gamma.

We have planned many delightful things for this spring, such as a walking club, picnics and boating, but the elements seem to be against us, and as yet we have not been able to carry out many of our plans.

We have heard from the committee for Pan-Hellenic banquet, and will surely be represented, as two of our girls now live in Chicago and one or two others expect to be there in July, and we hope to meet many of our Delta Gamma sisters there. We expected to give a large party or reception just after lent, but postponed it until commencement week, as many of our alumnae will be here at that time.

We are feeling very much elated since we discovered that the play given by the seniors on class day was written by our president, Julia Crawford.

Just now we are very anxious to hear the report of our delegate to the convention, but she has not returned yet.

It is with some relief that I close my last chapter letter, and yet with regret that as I am a senior, I will not have that duty any more. However, I shall read the ANCHORA with even greater interest, and hope to meet many of my *ΔΓ* sisters this summer, and also next school year, since my home is in Englewood.

MARGARET GLEASON.

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PHI; UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Cramming for examinations, together with the great interest taken in athletics and short walks to the mountains for wild flowers, now take up the attention of the students, consequently fraternity circles are quiet.

The university's base-ball team is now in a very fair way to win the championship of the league, composed of the different colleges of the state. The glee, banjo and mandolin clubs are now making a tour of the state. They report a

very fine time, as hearty receptions are tendered them in almost every town.

The Delta Gamma girls were recipients of an invitation from the Delta Tau Delta fraternity to a very nice reception and dance, given at the university the evening of April 28. All had a very enjoyable time.

Mrs. Richard Whitely gave an afternoon reception not long since and asked the Delta Gamma girls and pledges to assist her. The girls were only too glad to do so, and after the guests had departed had a very pleasant party of their own.

We are very pleased to introduce to you Mrs. H. C. Barker, this time a full-fledged honorary member of Delta Gamma fraternity. Phi adds one more to her alumna list this year, this one increasing her list to nine. There are Delta Gammas now in every college class.

Phi awaits anxiously for the report of the convention. Her delegate reports a very pleasant time so far.

Phi extends greeting to her sister chapters.

HATTIE HOGARTY.

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OMEGA ; UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

As June roses and commencement approach it hardly seems possible that another year is almost at its close, and that another class is about to leave us. Since my last letter we have had our reunion and banquet, which, I think, deserves a little space. It was the pleasantest and most successful reunion we have ever had. The long table was laid in our double parlors, and was tastefully decorated with a profusion of cream roses and smilax. Thirty-five of our members seated themselves to partake of the menu, which consisted of: Blue points, wafers, bouillon, breadsticks, sweet bread patties, sherbet, chicken salad, cheese wafers, ice cream, cake, coffee, olives, salted almonds. Our honorary member, Mrs. Aubertine Woodard Moore, made a very charming toast-mistress, and the toasts responded to were: "Bronze, Pink and Blue," "Absent Members," "The Ideal Fraternity," "The Lodge," "The Freshmen," "Our Senior," "Chi Chapter," "Reminiscences." Letters were read from many of our absent members and a general good time was had.

This term has been rather gay in a social way, and the weather has not been very conducive to hard work. We

have given two informal receptions on Saturday afternoons, and are planning to give a cotillion later in the term. We initiated Miss Jessie Hand into the secrets of the fraternity May 8th, and we are very much delighted to feel that she is really one of us now. She was unable to be initiated before on account of a prejudice which her father had against fraternities.

M. ADA WALKER.

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PSI ; WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

Baby Psi feels very important at being elected deputy, and appreciates very highly the honor that her big sisters have conferred upon her. We babies are presumptuous enough to hope to fulfill our duties creditably; at any rate, we mean to try and do our very best.

Psi almost feels jealous of the reputation Eta has acquired for hospitality, and is afraid that when her turn comes to entertain she will fall far short of the example set her.

Since our last letter to ANCHORA we have been quite gay at college. The first thing given was a course of three lectures, under the auspices of Tau Kappa Pi, by three of our college professors.

Soon after that Alpha Phi gave a very creditable presentation of "The School for Scandal."

Lastly, Delta Gamma held a salon on April 21st, in the main hall of the college building. It was arranged with palms, wicker furniture, and rugs, to look as cosy as possible. Miss Esther Singleton, a young authoress from New York, gave a history and description of "The Antique Dances." The music of each was rendered by her sister Miss Charlotte Singleton, who is quite a fine pianist. After the conclusion, refreshments were served in one of the lecture rooms. Music on the harp also was rendered during the evening.

The members of the Chemical Association have taken several delightful trips. The first was to Bennett & Co.'s pottery, another to the copper works at Canton, and a third to Sparrow's Point to go through the steel works located there. The proprietors of these different works have been very kind in explaining the different processes to us and making our visits very satisfactory.

We are glad to hear that the board of control of "The Kalends," our college paper, has elected two Delta Gamma

girls on its staff for next year. Joe Anna Ross, '94, will be assistant editor and Janet Palmer, '94, business manager.

We are quite proud to announce that one of our sophomores has been promoted to the class of '94. She had done much more work in the Romance languages than was required for entrance, but she did not know that it would count as college work until a few days ago.

We have at last obtained a chapter room, and are now busying our brains with plans for furnishing it.

The gymnasium exercises have been discontinued. Swimming, tennis and archery will take their place for the rest of this term. We are quite anxious to see how the girls will like the archery club, for it is a new thing this season.

ELMA ERICH.



## PERSONALS.

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### ALPHA.

Mrs. Maggie Atwell-Shumaker and little daughter, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, spent several weeks this spring with her relatives in the city.

Mrs. Zoe Shimp-Millard and little daughter Hazel, of Wayne, Neb., are visiting her parents, on Union avenue.

Miss Anna Holc. of the class of '93, who was compelled to leave school on account of ill health, has returned after four weeks of much needed rest.

Mrs. Gertrude Stanley-Jester and baby, of Kinsman, O., spent several days of the month of April in the city visiting realatives and friends.

### ZETA.

Miss Ada Bullen has been compelled to discontinue her work on account of ill health.

Mrs. Minnie Waldo, *nee* Strong, one of our old girls, is now residing in Albion. Her husband, Prof. Waldo, occupies the chair of history in Albion College.

Miss Belle Washburn has resigned her position as preceptress of the high school in Chesaning, and is back in school with us again.

Mrs. Wortley Armstrong, *nee* Brockway, is now residing in Albion.

Mrs. Jennie Lovejoy, *nee* Campbell, is still teaching German in college.

### PHI.

Miss Leota Woy is making her home with Mrs. Barker, in Boulder, at present.

Miss Bertha Root received her appointment again for next year as teacher in the Boulder schools.

Miss Mamie Johnson expects to accept a position to teach French and German in Denver next year.

Misses Bertha and Edith Root expect to visit Evanston, and attend the World's Fair on their way home in Michigan,

## OMEGA.

Miss Catherine Cleveland, '94, has left the university for the remainder of the term on account of ill health.

The engagement of Miss Mabel Bushnell, '90, daughter of Congressman Bushnell, to James B. Kerr, of the firm Spooner, Sanborn & Kerr, is announced. The wedding is to take place sometime in August.

Mrs. Susie Wegg-Smith, of Seattle, Washington, is the happy mother of a baby girl:

A little boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carpenter, *nee* Miss Jean Hand, of Racine, on April 10.

## EXCHANGES.

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"As you from crimes would pardoned be,  
Let your indulgence set me free." —*The Tempest*.

The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* has assumed a Philadelphian appearance. It now comes to us clad in Quaker gray, and as we take it up, we involuntarily think of broad-brimmed hats surmounting heads, whose interior, in all probability, is filled with gray matter. A perusal of its pages does not belie this impression. The last number is filled with good things, the leading article upon "Bowdoin College," full of bright character sketches, being of especial interest. The *Quarterly* has dropped her exchange department, and substituted therefor "Delta Upsilon in Current Literature," and more copious alumni notes. These latter are perhaps the most valuable feature of the *Quarterly*, bespeaking as they must the strong alumni interest in the fraternity. When a journal can publish seventeen closely printed pages of alumni notes, one may be sure that there is no lack of unity in that organization.

When will the ANCHORA be able to emulate the example of the *Quarterly* in this respect?

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In an editorial upon "Fraternity Discipline," the *Arrow* says:

"In the fraternity life, and especially in chapter house life, where there is an intimate acquaintance between a large number of girls of different natures and dispositions, there is constantly being acquired a knowledge of human nature, and lessons in tolerance and self-denial are constantly being learned. Sharp corners of character are almost sure to be smoothed off, peculiarities are toned down, and selfishness must give way before the demands and duties of fraternity

life. Every girl finds that her way is not the only way, and very often is forced to admit that it is not the best way. Thus by intimate contact with others, characters are broadened and equalized.

There is a good deal of discipline connected with this assimilation of different natures into a harmonious chapter. When once a girl is initiated, the chapter feels that she is theirs for better or worse, that she must be loved for her good qualities, while her faults, which are almost sure to appear upon close acquaintance, must be overlooked. There is sure to be a host of the good qualities if we only search for them. Such a spirit always produces love and sympathy. How easy would be our journey through the world if we could but cultivate this spirit toward every one!—charitableness and forbearing toward faults, but always on the lookout for virtues."

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Discussing the programme for chapter meetings, a writer in the *Key* thus expresses herself:

"A course of literary work systematically arranged and pursued regularly, seems the most rational idea. To be sure, most of our colleges offer good literary courses, but it is impossible for classical students to realize much benefit from them. Then again, such a course does not treat—in a direct manner—the current literature of the day. It may incite the ambitious student to read the various monthlies, daily newspapers and literary news; but the average undergraduate (that is the faithful one) spends the greater part of his time in preparing lessons."

Perhaps we are wrong, but the evident desire of most sororities to render their order a species of literary society does not meet with our sympathy. The literary club is a fad that bids fair to undermine all earnest, thorough and exhaustive study. The work done in such a way is almost always superficial, hurriedly prepared without thought or research, and superficial work in literature is very demoralizing to one's taste and scholarly habits. And even were the literary work done in chapter meetings conscientious and valuable (which it very seldom is), it is not for just that kind of work that fraternities were organized. Of course, local

conditions should control the matter; possibly, where a chapter luxuriates in a home of its own, or in a college where the dormitory system prevails, the chapter meetings may profitably be given to the study of Camille Flammarion, Austin Dobson or Herbert Spencer, as the case may be. Under these circumstances, the members of the fraternity have a continual opportunity of becoming acquainted with each other, and do not need to devote special meetings to accomplish that end. But where no such intimate association prevails, where the girls scarcely see each other except in chapter meetings, will not an informal social meeting, where unrestrained conversation is in order, be more enjoyable than literary criticism? The Puritan notion that anything, to be improving, must be a little bit disagreeable, is out of date. And while we should be the last to admit that the true study of literature could be anything but delightful, experience and observation have taught us that the so-called literary work of clubs and chapter meetings is perfunctory and more or less irksome. If a chapter wishes to study Wordsworth and Matthew Arnold, let her do so by all means, but do not show to these honored names the disrespect of discussing them from a sense of duty.

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*Beta Theta Pi* is burning with unrighteous indignation, and it is all on account of a white tea rose, which *Alpha Tau Omega* has adopted as her fraternity flower. *Beta Theta Pi* grows sarcastic and plainly states that the white rose and the yellow rose, and the pink rose and the red one all belong exclusively to her, which reveals the modest disposition of *Beta Theta Pi*. Witness the following:

"We admire the taste shown by the *Alpha Tau's* in this selection. But in all Pan-Hellenic courtesy we feel that we must make a protest, in behalf of the rose. Four years ago the *Beta Theta Pi* fraternity suggested the idea of a fraternity flower, and formally adopted the rose as the fraternity flower of *Beta Theta Pi*. Public notice of this action was promptly given, and at the same time it was clearly stated that no one

variety of the rose was adopted by the fraternity as such. Every chapter of *Beta Theta Pi* was publicly "requested to select some special variety of rose for its own exclusive use." The flower of the general fraternity was to be simply—the rose. The species should indicate the chapter; the rose without distinction of species became the flower of *Beta Theta Pi*. \* \* \* The minutes of the *Beta Theta Pi* convention of 1889 show the final adoption of the rose as our fraternity flower. From first to last there has been no distinction of species so far as the fraternity as a whole is concerned. It is the noble sentiment of the rose in general that we have always sought to preserve in our *fraternity* flower, and not the "meaning" of any one kind of rose. And so the rose has been worn in *Beta Theta Pi* since the summer of 1889.

By what right can *Alpha Tau Omega* now appropriate to herself the fraternity flower of *Beta Theta Pi*?

If we did not consider such matters too trivial to be given a passing thought, it might be in order for Delta Gamma to inquire by what right *Beta Theta Pi* appropriated to herself the fraternity flower of Delta Gamma. But even if Delta Gamma objected (which she does not) to *Beta Theta Pi* or any other fraternity adopting our beautiful emblem as its own, she would not call names and make herself unnecessarily disagreeable over the matter, for she never supposed that her order or any other had a patent right on roses. They bloom alike for the just and the unjust. *Beta Theta Pi* concludes her indictment:

"We must either assume that *Alpha Tau Omega* has been guilty of stealing our rose, or that she has come newly arrayed in sky blue and old gold to ask that *Beta Theta Pi* will permit her to join her fate to ours."

Evidently in the opinion of the plaintiff the worst fate that could befall *Alpha Tau Omega* would be to be incorporated into *Beta Theta Pi*. This may be true, but we are somewhat surprised at so much frankness from such a source.

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From a paper upon "The Higher Aims," in the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, we quote as follows:

"No matter what the name, the form of words that holds the creed, it is safe to say that the majority of all fraternities are striving for the same end, battling for the same victory, running to the same goal. \* \* \*

In the first place, the fraternity cherishes, fosters, and keeps before the members an ideal friendship, holding that friendship up in the best light before all and pressing it into the heart of every member. This is no idle thing. He who goes through life without experiencing such an ideal friendship has not learned one of the sweetest and one of the most ennobling lessons that men ever learn. This friendship rises higher than gay association that makes brighter the hours spent together and thrills the being with hilarity at the banquet board. This friendship takes hold upon the heart, and in loneliness, sorrow and disappointment, it fulfills its best mission and rises to its highest office. This friendship brings the man into the heart, in prosperity or adversity; in peace or tumult; in joy or sorrow; in youth or age. The foundation of this friendship is congeniality. Unlikes may respect each other, they can never love. This is the thing which magnifies the fraternity fellowship, because men choosing their likes begin at once to cultivate them. Spurred on at first, maybe, by artificial means, yet bending to it, it soon goes on of itself, and faster, too. A great many people scoff at the friendship thus formed; that which is contracted, they say. Friendship, they declare, should be spontaneous. In this there is much truth and much fallacy."

The writer of the above is very enthusiastic and probably very young,—certainly very sincere. He makes a strong appeal to the best that is in people, but he confuses cause and effect, and idealizes fraternity influence at the expense of the inherent good in human nature. To our mind the object of fraternity is not so much to cultivate ideal friendships (such are rare, but are met as often outside the bond as within it) as to cultivate a spirit of universal sympathy and charity. The good of fraternities lies not in the fact that ideal friendships are sometimes formed within the bond, for these depend upon a deeper feeling than loyalty to the society engenders, and furthermore, ideal friendships are never formed with every member of a chapter. Such a relationship is too delicate, too beautiful, too intangible to be established by any artificial means. Thus it is not the

warm, intimate friendships that have sprung from congenial tastes and habits, that fraternities should pride themselves upon; it is the cordial liking and sympathy that they are able to arouse in us for people of diverse tastes. The bond brings us into intimate relations with many a person whose good qualities we should not have found out for ourselves. It teaches the lesson of looking deeper than the surface for admirable traits of character, and brings the sure conviction that there may be undercurrents of sympathy between people of apparently ungenial characters, pursuits, and aspirations. It is for this universal broadening of sympathies that fraternities are to be honored, not for the occasional but exceptional development of a perfect friendship.





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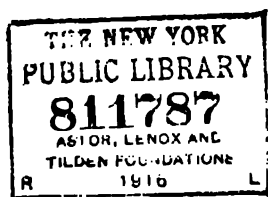
**"The union of souls is an anchor in storms."**

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## Rushing.

More than once have the readers of ANCHORA been requested to consider for a few moments this question, so important to every member of a fraternity.

But rushing is an evil which cannot be dwelt upon too often. One might call it a necessary evil; but as such it has already held sway too long. Under its iron rule, with what dread does each one of us look forward to the fall campaign? And at its command, what things are done which would never occur to us were not some freshman in demand?

But, aside from the tax on the strength and ingenuity of the older girls, and other fraternity considerations, we ought to stop and consider the freshman who is not being rushed. In our haste to meet some one who has been recommended to our fostering care, we overlook the homesick, bewildered girl with no one to help her through these first few days. We make her feel most keenly the difference between herself and her more fortunate friend, and increase the feeling of loneliness which has hung like a cloud about her since home faded from her sight.

Let each one ask herself the question, "What would I have done had no fraternity opened its doors to me?" and she will understand the feeling of these outsiders.

Does everything have its good points? If so, the writer of this article must be excused for her seeming blindness. She has just been through a mad rush and feels with all a sister's interest that something ought to be done to settle this vexatious question.

It is one which, in the nature of things, must be agitated by all the fraternities in each college. One cannot stand out against the others, but someone must take the initiatory step. Success will not immediately follow, but a beginning must be made.

The ideal has never been reached by mortals, and the most we can hope for is to make our fraternity as nearly ideal as possible. Root out as best we may those evils which stand out so plainly to us. Make for ourselves the position we ought to hold in our respective college homes. Let there be none of the feeling that fraternities in themselves are not good things, but that one must belong if they happen in one's way.

Let each and everyone set herself to thinking and try to form some plan to do away with this most undesirable feature of fraternity life.

A SENIOR,

Omega.

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### **Some Fair Philosophy.**

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead  
Who never to himself hath said,  
'This is my own, my native land'."

Perhaps, in time past, he may have existed, this much anathematized person—surely not in this year of grace eighteen hundred and ninety-three! But if perchance there be in all the length and breadth of this fair land a single person whose heart does not overflow with patriotic love, and whose bosom does not swell with patriotic pride at the sight of the White City, then may he go down

"To the vile dust from whence he sprung  
Unwept, unhonored, and unsung."

Certain wise people have been saying that the young generation of Americans to whom even our latest war is only history, have lost that deep love for their country which distinguished their fathers. A plan has even been devised for teaching patriotism to the children of the public schools, along with geography, history, and other branches.

The fatal defect of this plan would be the fact that the teachers themselves might be lacking in the very enthusiasm they would be expected to inspire.

Without a thought of these things the projectors of the World's Columbian Exposition have devised and set up before the people this year, a huge object-lesson in American patriotism, whose influence will be wider and more effective than all other possible lessons. The stupendous results there displayed, of the industry, ingenuity, and intelligence of the American people, are at once an education and an inspiration, and he would be a stolid clod, indeed, who could look on this triumph of American enterprise and not feel a thrill of gratitude for being an American citizen. There is little need to fear that the fire of patriotism has died out in the breast of young America. Let any danger threaten the safety of our beloved republic, and see how the new generation of men and women will rise in her defense.

"The most glorious thing about this whole glorious fair are those flags", was the exclamation of a young woman who stood in the court of honor, looking down the long vista of banners, flying from every pinnacle of the white roofs, and the words found an echo in the heart of every loyal American who heard them.

Two young girls, possibly among the readers of *ANCHORA*, stood for a long time gazing silently at the battle-flags of Illinois. Not a word was spoken, but as they turned to go away, one knew by the glint of tears in both pairs of eyes that those tattered and faded flags had taught their own lesson.

One whose sacred memory every true American delights to honor has given utterance to certain immortal words which can never cease to be the expression of every true American heart: "It is for us, the living, to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died



in vain; that the nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and  
of angels, and have not charity I am become as  
sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

But if high honor has been done to America and Americans in the Chicago exposition, certainly we have learned also to respect and admire and honor the other nations of the world. Not only to admire the exhibition of the rare and beautiful specimens of workmanship from the countries across the sea, but more to respect and honor the genius which was able to conceive them. This was a great lesson for Americans, who have a notion that America and a few of the best known powers of Europe comprise about all there is of the civilized globe.

Probably never before in all the history of the world has the principle of brotherly love received such a remarkable exposition as this summer. A series of remarkable gatherings culminating in a "Congress of Religion" has served to bring together, in peaceful and profitable association, men in tastes, customs, and beliefs as widely different as the poles, yet all enrolled under a banner of "Peace on earth, good-will to men." I fancy it was revelation, education, and inspiration, all in one, to a large majority of Americans to hear the delegates from the farthest corners of the earth, pronouncing the same exalted principle of morality as our own teachers. Surely their strong words of friendship for America and Americans cemented a new bond between us and them, for indeed the earth is but a small place after all, and all men are brothers.

Well, these are two lessons one has learned from the great exposition, and there are as many more as there are different people and different points of view. I am sure no loyal and honest American girl has seen it without having received a great deal to set her a-thinking, and the result of her meditation ought to be a great infusion of charity and kindness to her fellow-creatures.

To have visited the industrial exhibits for instance, and to have then, perhaps for the first time, realized what infinite pains is being taken from day to day to make each one of us comfortable and happy, no matter how poor and obscure we may be, was surely enough to make one grateful for a part in such a world.

All the wonderful beauty of the White City will soon disappear from our sight, and Jackson Park become only a park among parks. Let us only hope that what we have seen and heard and felt will not as quickly and easily depart.

MARY MILLS,  
Lambda.

### **Congress of College Fraternities.**

Those who were in attendance at the Congress of College Fraternities last summer will remember it with mingled feelings of satisfaction and disappointment. It was a satisfaction merely to see several hundred Greeks gathered together under the same roof, for that manifested interest in the movement; it was a pleasure to meet so many of the strangers in one's own fraternity. And it even seemed as if some of those present enjoyed an unlawful satisfaction in witnessing the demonstration of their pessimistic theories that a Pan-Hellenic congress could not actually accomplish anything. It was a disappointment to see that even those fraternity people who were broadminded and sympathetic enough to desire such a meeting to be successful were yet so dominated by the habitual reserve with which one fraternity treats another that they could not break through this barrier, and discuss openly, honestly and freely the questions they all hoped some one else would introduce.

There was absolutely no friction in the meetings, neither was there a particle of enthusiasm. The lukewarmness may be partially accounted for by the fact, that the congress was held under unfavorable auspices. Several fraternities were holding conventions at the time, and in these of course centred the chief duty and pleasure of their delegates. And almost everybody else was impatient to be on the fair grounds, and grudged the minutes spent at the Art Institute. But the real reason of the frigidity lies in the fact that, although the closest friendship may exist between the individuals of the different fraternities, between the fraternities themselves there can never be any real sympathy. The interest of any one fraternity is diametrically opposed to that of every other, and the desired standard of any one is, and must be, maintained at the expense of the others.

In the woman's session there was an effort made to bring up for discussion the matter of inter-chapter exchange of fraternity journals, but so impatient was the audience to adjourn that by the time the question was reached, after the reading of the formal papers, there was left in the room hardly a representative from each sorority. However, those who were left passed a resolution of approval upon the measure.

It was everywhere noticeable that the similar pins were irresistably attracted toward one another. This was as inevitable as it was incongruous with the nature of this meeting. The program as arranged was as follows. The representatives of at least one third of the names found therein were, however, conspicuous by their absence.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 9 A. M.

CONGRESS OF COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

Richard Lee Fearn, Chairman.

Address. The Legal Status of the Fraternities.

William Raymond Baird.

Address. Histories of Fraternities. W. B. Palmer.

Address. Fraternity Catalogue Making. Frank B. Swope.

Address. Fraternity Finances. Isaac R. Hitt, Jr.

Address. The Advantages of Non-Secrecy. E. J. Thomas.

Address. A Permanent Fraternity League.

E. H. L. Randolph.

Address. The Women's Fraternities.

Mrs. Mary Roberts Smith.

Ten minutes' discussion following each paper.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2 P. M.

SPECIAL SESSION OF FRATERNITY EDITORS.

E. H. L. Randolph, Chairman.

Address. Fraternity Journalism; Its Scope.

C. L. Van Cleve, Troy, O.

Address. Fraternity Journalism; Its Influence on the Development of the System.

Frederic C. Howe, Ph. D., Baltimore, Md.

- Address. Fraternity Journalism; The Woman's Journal.  
Miss Ina Firkins.
- Address. Fraternity Journalism; Its Financial Aspects.  
Clay W. Holmes, Elmira, N. Y.
- Address. Fraternity Journalism; Its Unifying Influence on  
the Chapters. Geo. W. Warner, Philadelphia.
- Address. Fraternity Journalism; Is It Consistent with the  
Principles of the System?  
Grant W. Harrington, Hiawatha, Kan.
- Address. Fraternity Journalism; Its Relations to Frater-  
nity Loyalty. John E. Brown, Columbus, O.

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THURSDAY, JULY 20, 10 A. M.

CONGRESS OF WOMEN'S COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

Miss Ethel Baker, Chairman.

- Address of Welcome. Mrs. Charles Henrotin.
- Address. The Origin and Development of the Fraternity  
System. Margaret E. Smith, Kappa Alpha Theta.
- Address. Fraternity Journalism. May Henry, Alpha Phi.
- Address. Chapter Houses.  
A Member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.
- Address. Limitations of Fraternity Membership.  
Mrs. Rho Fisk Zeublin, Delta Gamma.
- Address. Fraternity Extension.  
Miss Bessie Leach, Delta Delta Delta.
- Address. Ethical Influence of Fraternities.  
Mrs. Blackwelder, Phi Beta Phi.
- Address. Fraternity Women in the World.  
Isabella M. Andrews, Gamma Phi Beta.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

Pan-Hellenic reception and banquet in the parlors of the  
New York Building, World's Fair Grounds.

The meeting of the Congress is not to be regretted, for,  
although there is no occasion for congratulations upon

results, such meetings are educational in their effect. They accustom individuals and chapters to the idea of interfraternity courtesies, and, if the external relations are improved, perhaps in time they may affect inward relations, and there may be brought about the fraternity millenium that is the dream of optimistic Pan-Hellenists.

EDITOR.

### **Delta Gamma Cake.**

[A Toast Delivered at an Initiation Banquet.]

In my nightly vigils the sad thought has gradually dawned upon me that the right honorable committee has imposed upon my ordinarily unsuspicious and confiding youth, a toast that might lead the critical mind to infer an inordinate fondness on my part for the delectable article under consideration. Such, my young friends, is not the case, but on the contrary, like some airy denizen of the forest glades, I chain my volatile spirit to this mundane sphere by lightly sipping the dew from the dainty petal of the flower or tasting the delicate honey in the heart of the morning glory. (Those present at Avis's lunch last Saturday will kindly bury for the present any recollection they may have of that occasion). I call upon my older sisters to testify that I have never found delight in the social gatherings of our fraternity, where peanuts and crackers and cheese pamper the gross appetites of those of a more of the earth earthy mould. Ah, no ! The stern business meeting, where a feast of reason and a flow of soul regale us, and where the strictest parliamentary discipline is maintained by our worthy president, has ever been my greatest joy. But for those of us who have never participated in the pain and pleasure of Delta Gamma functions other than those presided over by our redoubtable goat, I will depict the two forms of improvement and recreation which we chiefly indulge in. Imagine those of our number who have not been able to concoct more or less satisfactory excuses for absence, disposed in various attitudes of despondency about

a small room, on one side of which our respected president is seated in the most dignified chair available. An expression of stern resolve is wreathed about her keen blue eyes, and armed with the power of law in the shape of a badly sharpened lead pencil, she calls the meeting to order precisely half an hour after the time appointed. After some preliminary giggling and several facetious remarks on the part of certain individuals, who shall be nameless, that one of our number who is held in the bonds of holy matrimony arises and makes a motion, to which various amendments and improvements are added in an undertone by divers other damsels. After some moments and sundry hints from the president and those versed in parliamentary practice, a couple of young women second the motion in unison, greatly to the confusion of both. A period of hot discussion ensues, in which all subjects but the one in hand, from the silver question to the most advantageous method of toasting marshmallows, are disposed of in a masterly and conclusive manner. Having thus prepared ourselves to vote intelligently, we are called upon to express assent by holding up one finger, which we proceed to do, the enthusiastically inclined waving both hands aloft and loudly whispering their approval. While this scene has been enacted, an entirely irrelevant discussion has been held by two or three members, these being punched by some kindly sister when the proper time for voting has arrived. Truly, the mind of woman is well adapted to control the policy of the Commonwealth! "Look on this picture, then on this," and behold the selfsame maidens comfortably, if not gracefully, draped upon the floor of an apartment and ingloriously consuming large quantities of edibles. Choice bits of gossip are retailed to an interested audience, and the relative merits of various youths are discussed by much excited damsels, each victim assuming alternately the guise of an angel and the form of a fiend incarnate. A little tripping of the light fantastic follows, and after an afternoon or evening spent profitably and pleasantly in these diversions, we repair to our respective domiciles, those having a room-

mate, or other good excuse, filling their pockets with the select dainties remaining. Judge ye, fair 97's, which of these two entertainments will better serve to fill the weary soul with peace and drive the wrinkles from the care-worn brow. But alas! From your noble efforts at this most delightful banquet, I fear me that your preference will be given to Delta Gamma cake rather than her good bread and butter.

ADA COMSTOCK,  
Lambda.



### **Editorial.**

Another vacation has become a memory, a new year has added fresh dignity to last year's freshman and sophomore, another rushing season has made strangers familiar in the places occupied but a few months since by the best of the class of '93. It was hard to part with last year's seniors, but so much has happened since the June good-byes were spoken, so busy have all the girls been in making home-like one little room for themselves, and so excited have they been over making the acquaintance of, and heaping attentions upon, the unsuspecting freshmen, that the chapters have grown accustomed to the absence of '93, almost before they have realized her departure. And the new alumnae, who expected that September would make them homesick for the college halls, have found that it has come and gone like August and July, and they have not felt sentimental over the lost college days for one moment. So soon do people adapt themselves to new relations, so soon do strange conditions become familiar.

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A copy of the Convention Messenger, containing the minutes of the last convention, the history of the fraternity, and the revised constitution has been sent to every active member of Delta Gamma, and it is earnestly hoped that no one will fail to read it carefully. The beginning of the year is a good time to study the constitution, and every chapter should see that her initiates are supplied with a copy of this document. The attention of the associate editors is particularly called to Article XIX, which they should read, ponder, inwardly digest and understand. Extra copies may be obtained from the editor.

The associate editors are requested to bear in mind that two literary contributions are due before the next issue of ANCHORA. It is necessary that there be no delay in this matter, and there can be no excuse for the failure to send the desired number of papers. The associates are reminded that they are appointed to prepare the required number of contributions if they cannot induce some one else to write the papers for them. A failure to prepare them should be followed by the resignation of the negligent officer. Each chapter should insist that the associate editor perform her duties promptly and creditably to her chapter and to Delta Gamma.

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If the correspondents do not wish to make an enemy for life of the editor, they will cease to write upon both sides of the paper. When will they learn that the other side of the paper was not made to be written upon?

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In Chicago last summer a little group of fraternity alumnae accidentally gathered together one afternoon, and compared their views about the active chapters. They all wore anchors except one, who was quite as welcome in the circle as if she had worn our symbol, instead of a key, and they were all women with professions, two or three school teachers, one lawyer and a librarian, women long enough out of college to have gained worldly wisdom, and to have broadened the horizon of their student days, not so long separated from their Alma Mater, but that they realized and sympathized with the hopes and fears, the trials and triumphs of their younger sisters in Delta Gamma. Each one knew of customs prevailing in many chapters of all fraternities, of which individually the members of the chapters were ashamed, but to which, they assented, collectively, as apparently necessary evils. Each one remembered incidents in their own chapter life, which they could recall only with regret, but which at the time, seemed the only solution of difficulties. The lawyer said: "These things are partly

the fault of the alumnae; our experience ought to be worth something to these younger girls," and some one replied: "It is worth something, if we are not too experienced, and it is the young alumnae who have the greatest influence." Here was struck the keynote of alumnae influence. The alumna who is remembered by the chapter as an enthusiastic active worker, but a year or two ago, can express her opinion in the chapter hall, and be listened to with respect that is due to her condition in life, and at the same time with the sympathy that meets the co-worker. But after four or five years of separation from the active chapter, she is looked upon as more or less of a stranger; in the eyes of the undergraduates she may represent a very charming personality, but she is nevertheless regarded with some awe and looked upon as a person before whom one must not indulge in any college slang, and with whom it is more appropriate to discuss Emerson than the fraternity parties. As the average freshman knows very little about Emerson, and delights in the self-proscribed alternative, she finds the situation very depressing. Thus is it difficult to establish sympathetic relations between the active members and the older alumnae, and because of this difficulty the younger alumnae have a work to do for the fraternity. Their mission is to be the connecting link, and they ought to realize the responsibility that rests upon them. Once brought into proper relations with the active chapter, the latter would soon learn that the best half of their strength rests with the alumnae. A combination of the experience and judgment of the alumnae with the enthusiasm and zeal of the undergraduates would result in making fraternities a real power throughout our lives, a lasting instead of a fleeting influence.

## Chapter Letters.

### ALPHA ; MOUNT UNION COLLEGE.

The peace of Alpha remains undisturbed in this exciting season, when all her sister chapters are using powers persuasive in rushing desirable girls. Fortunately for her, Alpha has no rivals, and although there are several girls who seem to have enough grace and grit to be worthily called Delta Gammas, yet she thinks best to be slow and sure before making final decisions. However, the number of pledglings has been diminished by one, who now helps to swell the ranks of our full initiates, Grace Raymond.

Commencement brought our girls an unusual share of prizes and honors. Birdie Tedrow was awarded the Vincent prize, Lora Jester was class valedictorian, and Anna Hole was valedictorian in the contest between the literary societies. These sisters are all of the class of '93. Two have accepted positions as teachers, and one, Birdie Tedrow, intends entering a medical school.

A large number of our members spent a part of their vacation in visiting that fairyland of wonders, the "White City," and we who are back in school can hardly bring ourselves down to the ordinary, yet we are making some plans for the year. Until Christmas time we have determined to combine pleasure and profit and give employment to fingers and intellects alike. The plan has worked admirably so far, and gives added zest to our meetings. We have also in mind a number of pleasant social features to be carried out at different times during the year.

The greeting of Alpha to all her sister chapters, and best wishes for the year.

HARRIET P. MARSH.

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### CHI ; CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

"Some are born great ; some achieve greatness ; and some have greatness thrust upon them." I certainly am of this last named class. Yes, girls, she who signed herself "H. C. C." has resigned, and the unfortunate lot of trying

to do at all that she did so well has fallen to me. You know how interested we are in the first efforts of our baby sister to talk. May you be as interested in my first efforts to write.

Our flock is once more assembled, from the Fair, from country and from city home, and quite a flock we make with eighteen active members. Last year we decided that we must be very exclusive and pick only a few of the choicest buds. That was so much easier said than done now. '97 is unusually rich in lovely girls, and it is hard work deciding just which few of the many lovely ones we want. Meanwhile, we are rushing with all our might. Early in the term we gave our accustomed reception to all entering students. We follow this with a Hallowe'en party, and later with a dancing party.

But you are probably all having similar rushing experiences, and I hear you wondering why Chi's former ANCHORA correspondent resigned. In answer, I would say that it was not that she loved Delta Gamma less, but that she loved Cornell more. She has done much for the girls of Cornell, and we are very proud of her, justly so, we think. Her literary merit and unswerving determination have won for her the honor of being the first girl to be elected an editor of the *Cornell Era*, a weekly publication, and have paved an easy way for ambitious girls of ensuing years to walk. Now it is needless to tell you that she resigned because she had not the time,—the same old excuse, but in this case a good one.

Pan-Hellenic conventions have been *la nouveauté à la mode* since the term began. It has always been our custom, as it is with some of you, I think, to agree upon a day on which to invite the new girls to join, by which agreement all the fraternities shall abide. This day has generally been in the latter part of the fall term. On our return "our presence was requested" at a mass-meeting, and there, to our astonishment, a proposition was made to postpone asking day until the beginning of the sophomore year, at least until the latter part of the freshman year. Both sides had their champions, Chi holding that the appointed day must not be exchanged. The contest was long and earnest, but not decisive. The meeting adjourned. We deliberated among ourselves, appointed delegates, and in due time the night came for the delegates from the several fraternities to meet. We awaited anxiously the outcome, fearing to hear that we could have no new girls this year. After a time, seemingly

interminable, the girls returned with victory in their eyes, and on their lips: "We will have new sisters this term." Don't you think we were on the right side?

BLANCHE E. MOORE.

ETA; BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Well here we are again, each one of us settled down in the same little nook that held us last spring, and here is my dear friend, the ANCHORA, waiting patiently for a letter, just as the good soul has done from time out of mind. Can anybody tell me why we didn't have any summer this year? Don't you suppose the weather clerk went to Chicago, and the summer ran away during his absence? I am positively certain that it is just a few days since commencement, and every once in a while have to pinch myself to make sure that I am not dreaming, that it really is October.

Last spring may seem a long way off to some of you but it don't to me, so I'm going to tell you about the last good time we had together before school closed and we scattered to the four winds of Heaven. It was a picnic. We went in a band wagon to a small but beautiful lake in the neighborhood, taking with us in many mysterious-looking baskets and boxes, the "bread that perisheth." And indeed it did perish, and that very quickly. After supper we went out on the lake and when it grew too dark for that, came in and danced, that is, those danced who could; I don't remember what the others did but I suppose they meditated on something that was for the good of the race, you know  $\Delta \Gamma$  picnics are apt to be solemn, meditative affairs. I thought I could tell you something of the good time we had but find I cannot. It isn't a subject for words. However, we are  $\Delta \Gamma$ 's, and you may well believe we did not go to sleep.

We had three senior's to lose last June, so commencement was unusually interesting to us. This year the audience was not allowed to slumber peacefully through the long orations of the seniors, (as I suppose they have done heretofore) but class day exercises were substituted, while a thesis was required of each senior, for which may we be truly thankful.

We did not quite lose sight of one another during the summer, for we had a circulating letter, in fact, four of them, one being started in each class. Nearly every one reports

having met a great many  $\Delta \Gamma$ 's at Chicago. I wish we were not scattered all over creation as we are, or since we are, that there were some way of meeting oftener than once in two years.

There are more new girls here than usual this year, and we are trying to make good use of the time remaining before we have to get on the anxious seat. We have about three weeks left before the time is up and then we hope to introduce to you two or three nice girls. We don't want many, for our chapter is very nearly a model one now as respects number; we have ten, one P. G., three seniors, four juniors, one sophomore and one freshman.

The boys have been turned out in the cold this year, and the whole building is used as a girls dormitory, as a consequence of which we have a very pleasant large hall, of which we feel justly proud. Of course the one important thing in life now is to furnish our hall, and various plans have been made for raising money, of which you will probably learn in the future.

Eta sends greetings to all the sisters dear.

ELIZABETH M. BROPHY.

KAPPA ; UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Already we are so well started in school work that our summer vacation seems far in the past.

Of course we went to the fair with everyone else and nearly all of us met Delta Gammas from other chapters once more. Kappa starts in school this year with ten active members— three graduate students, two juniors, two sophomors, and three special students. Lulu Green is back with us this year taking special work in biology.

Do not think we are not working because we have no new members to introduce. We are arranging for a big initiation the first of next month, when we expect to present to you the *élite* of the freshman class.

We are reforming this year. All last year we felt that our meetings were little more than mere pleasant gossiping gatherings. We intend in the future to have them something better. One week in the month we have a strictly business meeting at the university. Another week we will have a social meeting in the afternoon at one of our numerous homes, to which all Delta Gammas in the city are in-

vited. Here we have an opportunity to meet all our old girls and to talk over fraternity matters and obtain their valuable advice. Then once a month we are to have a parlor lecture delivered by one of the faculty of the university. To these we will invite our parents, brothers and sisters and friends.

The first one of these talks was delivered Saturday evening, October seventh, by Prof. King. He gave us a most interesting sketch of German university life. About fifty were present. Miss Cochrane and Miss Woods and Miss Mullen served chocolate after the lecture. Everyone was enthusiastic over it, and we feel that we have a very brilliant plan.

Jo Treeman gave a most delightful tea for us September 13th. We were so glad to meet Mrs. Lou Hern. When we can talk over fraternity matters with a Delta Gamma whose experience has been in another chapter, we gain many new ideas.

A new chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was organized here in the last of May. We are always pleased to welcome new fraternities to the university. The fraternity spirit seems to be growing stronger each year, and fraternities are becoming the most prominent force in university politics.

This is my last letter to ANCHORA, and I want to tell you how much I wish that every Delta Gamma could be correspondent for a year. I have become so much better acquainted with our fraternity as a whole, and with several enthusiastic members of it. Isn't it too bad that most of us only stay in college four years, for it is only in the last two that one really begins to appreciate what fraternity life really is.

HELEN GREGORY

LAMBDA; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Lambda's roll-call now is little more than half as long as it was last year. Nine dear faces are truly missed from the circle, although most thought and all discussion thus far, is centered upon a half-dozen or more wonderful freshman girls. Mary Mortenson, formerly of the class of '95, we are glad to have among us again; and Avis Winchell Grant's course is to be interrupted by no more trips to Baltimore, or anywhere else, we hope. So with our twelve members, we are, you see, quite strong to begin with; and if



we get all of those delightful '97 girls that we want, our chapter will be almost as large as ever again.

But to be real honest about it, perhaps Lambda last year was a wee bit too big. To be sure I don't know what ones could have been spared, and we spent a most happy year together. And yet, you know, it is just a trifle difficult to become real intimate with twice ten girls—in nine months at least.

Hope you all have as large and bright a freshman class from which to choose your recruits as have we. I can scarcely refrain from a eulogy upon three sweet maids whom we have already pledged, and we are not going to be really content without three—yes, four others. But alas, how remarkably alluring our rivals can be! And it does seem to require a vast amount of rushing to persuade the much sought after freshman girl that her only happiness lies in Delta Gamma. Thus, receptions, teas, lunches, and the more informal parties have succeeded one another in rapid order ever since college opened. Though we enjoy these little gatherings quite as much as our guests are supposed to, we grudge the time; and the thought that so many of them ought to be unnecessary will present itself now and again. Still it is astonishing how very material a nice girl will be once in a while. Indeed, one of our very best sisters—though for that matter we are all very best—unblushingly declares that it was the superior quality of a chocolate cake enjoyed at Mrs. Firkins' which decided her for Delta Gamma.

All our talks and hopes and plans last year about a chapter house for this winter have come to naught. We have two pretty rooms in Mrs. Belle Morin Purdy's new house, where we hold all our meetings, but it is a great disappointment that our anticipation of an entire house could not be realized. A good many of us spent nine or ten days together in a cottage at Lake Minnetonka last summer, and think we quite know the jolly fun that might be now, had "times" and other things been more propitious.

The foot-ball season has begun. We should be especially interested, as the team here is winning glory and fame for University of Minnesota. Champion team of the Northwest, she met and defeated last Saturday the Kansas eleven, champion players of the Southwest. She was not left long to sigh for other worlds to conquer, receiving next a challenge from Cornell. This was of course accepted, and we are looking forward to an exciting game that is set for Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Cook, of Omega chapter, is to be in Minneapolis this winter. A number of our girls have already met her, and we all hope to see her often.

FLORENCE E. GRAHAM.

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OMEGA ; UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Omega greets you this fall with a membership of twenty-two. Since parting in June we have gained nine of the most desirable freshmen in college.

During the summer we were notified that we would be unable to have our fraternity house this year. This of course was a great disappointment, but we came back resolved to do our best and to win in spite of all drawbacks.

The usual number of rushing parties, one of the most enjoyable of which was the picnic given by our alumnae at "The Red Gables" soon made us acquainted with the freshmen whom we now introduce to you: Florence Bashford, Bessie Gernon and Martie Pound of Madison, Elsie Lynch of Huron, Alice and Edna Newbee of Chicago, Nellie Dodge of Sparta, Ada Berling and Meta Goldsmith of Milwaukee, all as enthusiastic as good Delta Gammas should be.

Being fortunate in our town girls we did not lack a place for initiation and each freshman received her due reward.

Miss Antoinette Meinhardt, formerly of Sigma is with us this year and we are very glad to number her among Omega's girls.

This is a red letter year. World's Fair and weddings. Three of Omega's members now have homes of their own and there are rumors to the effect that two more are soon to follow their example. Mrs. James Bremer Kerr of '91, *nee* Mabel Bushnell; Mrs. Seymour Cook, Floy Stearns of '92, and Mrs. Chauncey Lawrence Williams, formerly Helen McMynn of '94.

It seems so strange to be without a chapter house, but prospects are bright and we may have one before long.

It was such a pleasure to meet our sisters from different colleges at the Fair this summer, and we wish we might all have been together on fraternity day.

Omega is anxious to hear from the other girls, hoping that all have been equally successful this fall.

ERA H. BOSTWICK.

## PHI ; UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

At the beginning of the school year, we started out with five members, having taken into our fraternity, on her arrival in Boulder, one of our former pledges, Mary Brown of '97. We were five in number, but courage and a fine show of determination was not wanting, so we gathered together our forces, and prepared for the coming conflict. Our rushing succeeded admirably, and we are now proud of the opportunity of introducing to our *ΔΓ* sisters Jessie Neikirk of '97, and three pledges, Berniel Lochhead, Clara Boreman and Leta Wells, only "peeps" as yet.

Our goat, being unused to such actions, was so much broken up over the unruly conduct of our small Nannie Brown that we were obliged to delay another initiation for a few days, until the poor beast had recovered from the shock. But at last the goat having made manifest a desire for more fun on Sept. 19th, we initiated Jessie Neikirk into the mystic circle.

After the initiation we enjoyed a spread, the merits of which I am too modest to proclaim, being one of the committee on refreshments, but all presented the appearance of satisfaction. Our inactive and honorary members and pledglings were at the feast.

On Monday evening, Sept. 19th, a very pleasant evening was spent at Mrs. Barker's, with one of our *ΔΓ* sisters, Miss Ethel Baker, from Evanston. We discussed all topics of interest to our fraternity, and about ten o'clock adjourned to the next room, and discussed Delta Gamma, olives, etc., and all took a very active part in this discussion. Miss Baker visited a very short time, staying only over night, but we comforted ourselves with the thought 'twas better to have seen and lost than never to have seen at all.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity entertained the Delta Gammas at their new chapter, on the twenty-third of Sept. I should like to say a great deal about the hospitality and the superior entertaining powers of the "Sigs," but fear once started I would know not where to stop, so I shall only say that we went away voting it one of the most pleasantest evenings we had ever spent.

One fine day last week we introduced Miss Anna Driggs of '94 to our goat. Nanny was in fine shape, but perhaps was captivated by the bright appearance of our little sister, for she acted very rational and Anna came out of the conflict bearing no visible marks of injury.

Phi sends love and best greetings to all sister chapters, and hopes they have all had as joyous a vacation, and as happy a reunion as she herself has experienced.

JENNIE FRANCES WISE.

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PSI ; WOMAN'S COLLEGE, BALTIMORE.

What an inspiring summer this last one has been! We, the youngest children in Delta Gamma, have realized more than ever during the past few months that fraternity is a reality and not a visionary thing.

Chicago, this year, has been the Mecca of all the world, and as all the world has done so have Delta Gammas done. We don't want to leave unrecorded a Delta Gamma meeting that occurred there. Two alumnae members from Chi, one member each from Lambda and Kappa and two from Psi met one morning in the Minnesota State Building and chatted for an hour about Delta Gamma and her interests. While nothing especially new or startling was brought forward, yet it gave new life to our enthusiasm.

But we must tell you something about what we are doing now. We number only nine old members. Three of our last year's girls have not returned, one having taken her degree. Of the other two, one lives in the city and will still attend our meetings, so we feel that we have not entirely lost her. There is only one more on our chapter list to be accounted for. She left us last year, but she too lives in the city and will attend most of our meetings this winter.

Fraternity spirit has run higher this year than ever before and rushing has been indulged in to such an extent as the Woman's College has not seen in former years.

On Wednesday, September the 27th, we gave a rushing party at Janet Palmer's home. We now have two pledge-lings. Besides these two we have a third, Grace Pine, who came to us from Sigma. Had she not already been pledged to Delta Gamma we certainly would have had a hard fight for her for she was liked by both the other fraternities. We have not yet had our formal pledge meeting, at which we put the colors and pledge pins on our pledgelings, but we expect to have it next Saturday the 21st.

This year we have gotten even a nicer chapter room than we had last. The question of furnishing is still agitating our minds. We are trying to adhere to the pink, bronze and blue. Even our tea set is to be in these colors.

Class politics have formed quite an exciting part of college life this fall, and Delta Gamma has borne off a proportional share of class offices.

We would say in closing that our prospects for the year seem very bright. We are smaller numerically than our rivals, but this is more than compensated for by the active enthusiastic spirit of each member.

KATHERINE F. CLAGETT.

SIGMA ; NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Sigma starts in on the new college year with high hopes and happy hearts at being once more together. Although many of our last year's members failed to answer "present" they all sent loving messages and sincere regrets that they could not be with us. We are all delighted to have Helen Babcock back again; she has been studying German and music in Berlin for the last year, and is now taking post-graduate work at Northwestern, which brings her again into the interests of Sigma chapter.

We have four new initiates to introduce to our friends in ANCHORA: Corinne B. Harbert '96, and Boynton Bess Harbert, Mary MacHarg and Flora Saner, all of '97, who enjoyed the terrors of initiation last week, and we have one more, Katherine Cook, '97, who has just decided in favor of  $\Delta \Gamma$  after a long and exciting struggle (on our part) and who will soon be introduced to the goat.

We are unusually fortunate this year in regard to our hall. The faculty have given the top floor of the "Fem Sem" to the five different sororities represented at Northwestern, and now each one has a delightful room, finished in some appropriate color. Sigma has been congratulating herself ever since on being lucky enough to draw the choice hall, as it was all decided by lot. Our hall consists of two rooms and a closet, and is finished in a delicate shade of pink.

It is very difficult for us to find a time for our meetings that is convenient for all, but we think we have solved the problem now; we are to meet from five to seven o'clock and have tea in the hall; two members overseeing the "spread" each week. Our first trial of the scheme was such a brilliant success that we hope great things of the future.

Sigma wonders if the other chapters of  $\Delta \Gamma$  knew that there was a register book for  $\Delta \Gamma$  in the organization room

of the Woman's Building? To be sure it was under the name Woman's College Fraternities and four different sororities were represented, but while the others have many pages of names, poor *J I* has but three or four. We think it must have been want of knowledge and not want of good will that caused this, and regret the plan could not have been mentioned in *ANCHORA* last year; but like many other plans concerning the World's Fair it was not completed until after college closed, and now it is most too late.

Although Northwestern is so near Chicago I am afraid more *J I*'s from other chapters attended the fraternity congress last summer than from Sigma. But the few who did go were delighted to meet their sisters from other chapters and to see old friends in *J I* on every side. We heartily desire another Pan-Hellenic congress, not only to bring our own people together but to give us a chance to see the other Greeks.

Sigma has indulged in but little gayety so far this year. All we have had are two delightful rushing parties, one at the home of Nettie Hill and the other at Mary MacHarg. At this last, the girl we were rushing pledged before the party, which relieved us of all anxiety and allowed us to enjoy ourselves free from care.

ELIZABETH KENDALLS.

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#### TAU ; UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Once more has S. U. I. entered upon the yearly cycle. The authorities were fearing that the stringency of the money market would decrease the attendance this year but a comparison of the records shows a slight gain. This is especially encouraging since the other colleges in the state show a decrease of from ten to forty per cent.

The great centre of attraction this fall is the foot ball team. The boys are doing some honest hard work under the coaching of Donnelly of Chicago. The girls are quite awake to the importance of the matter and practise games are well attended. Those who don't understand the game go to learn from those who do and believe all the pleasure as a sincere wish to help the boys.

On the 2nd of October, the students had the privilege of listening to Dr. E. E. Hale, Sr., who delivered his lecture "Personal Reminiscences of Ralph Waldo Emerson." Dr. Hale carried a cluster of Delta Gamma roses as he came

upon the platform. The lecture was exceedingly entertaining. Dr. Hale spoke with the warmest enthusiasm of his friend and his listeners could not but feel the sincerity of his eulogiems. Before he returned east he spent several days here with his son Prof. E. E. Hale, Jr., who holds the chair of English in our university.

Tau chapter was very much delighted to welcome back a number of its old girls this year, Miss Anna Larrabee, Ex. '93, has returned to take special work, Miss Louise Alford, Ex '95, who last year studied music in Chicago has resumed her university studies.

We are very sorry to chronicle the loss of one of our most enthusiastic members, Miss Geneve Horne, who shortly leaves for Boston where she enters upon a musical course.

We have the pleasure of recording in this our first chapter letter the initiation of two new members, Miss Harriet Holt, who last year attended St. Katharine's Hall at Davenport, and Miss Rose Blanchard, of Pennsylvania College, and O. S. Kaloosa, who comes to us a senior. Miss Holt is a sister of Miss Mary Holt, ex '94, who has this year returned to the university, and to her sisters in Delta Gamma (only to be burdened with the arduous duties of associate editor). After the initiation we had a delightful supper at which eighteen members, active and honorary, were present.

We are glad to welcome Miss Helen Cox among us. She has been giving organ concerts throughout the state, and everywhere is received with great enthusiasm. She is a member of whom Delta Gamma may well be proud.

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#### XI; UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Again we are together! Xi greets her sister chapters and meets them with the pleasurable anticipation of another ANCHORA year. Our university is, I believe, one of the last to call her many children back from summer outings to her halls, so that we are in that confusion, always attendant on the opening of the fall work, still in that stage of uncertainty in which the girls flutter around in a dreamy, erratic manner, armed with pencil and schedule, trying to stow away thirty-six hours into the twenty-four.

Our new home is a constant delight to us; we are enjoying a pleasure equal to that of the German "Flitterwochen," for never did the devotees of the modern Hymen enjoy

more keenly their new possessions than we the addition of an etching or dainty tea chair to our rooms.

An informal reception given this week in honor of Mrs. Mark Harrington, one of Xi's honorary members, served as our house warming, and we have a cozy feeling that the chill is quite taken away. It is quite unnecessary to say that we miss our girls who were graduated last June; we realize that you are all suffering from a similar loss; nevertheless we start out this year with a large and energetic chapter, hoping to add to our number some of the freshman girls who seem to be unusually attractive. As yet, in accordance with the contract which we signed with six other Greek Letter societies, we have done no "rushing." This seems to be a most satisfactory plan, and it clearly bears the stamp of justice to all who are interested. The girls are carefully carrying out the spirit of the contract, by which no girls are to be invited to join the different societies until the third week in November. We find many outside the pale of the sorosis with whom it is good to come in contact, and with all thoughts of "rushing" laid aside we come to know them without having constantly in view the possible "Delta Gamma." A wholesome interest in the outside world should make us broader women and better "Delta Gammas."

We wish our sisters a year filled with success and happiness.  
FLORENCE GALE BARNES, Xi.

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ZETA; ALBION COLLEGE.

We must beg every one to forgive us for being a little bit tardy. We've got at least a half a dozen beautiful excuses. Our school began late, our "old girls" were late, too, in getting back, we're a little slow anyhow where it comes to "rushing," and we did want to have something to tell you all about when we wrote. Only three of the half dozen excuses, you see, but the rest are just as good.

We miss only three of the familiar faces of last year from our band this fall. Our graduates in June were two, of whom Miss Myrte Moore is teaching at her home in Greenville, and Miss Hattie Millard is with us still, pursuing work in another department. Miss Winifred Mills is also working hard "to teach the young idea how to shoot" paper wads. She is in the high school at her home in Mason. And we have one more pedagogue. Miss Margaret Ludlow is learning the delights of country school. All of these girls



are quite near us, and we are counting on having them all with us on Reunion Day, if, indeed, not sooner. Miss Florence Riddick, one of our pledged girls, and a very fine student, especially in Greek, is not back this year, much to our disappointment, as she was all ready to be initiated. However, she expects to return next year.

For a great many of the "Dear Girls," doubtless this has been an unusually pleasant summer. A great many of us have been to Chicago, and while there, enjoying the wonders of the fair, we have had the pleasure of meeting many of our Delta Gamma sisters from other chapters. It is always a help to us to meet girls of Delta Gamma, and yet we can hardly think them strangers when they wear the same anchor so dear to us all, and we realize that we have common interests and plans, and are each working for the other's profit and pleasure.

This fall Zeta extended an invitation to four of the "new girls" to become Delta Gammas. Three of these invitations were accepted, the other girl preferring Kappa Alpha Theta. So we introduce to you Miss Maud M. Barber, Miss Amy Lee, and Miss Anna Greerson, who has come to us all the way from Hartford, Connecticut. Miss Greerson cannot be initiated before the spring term, but she loyally wears the "bronze, pink, and blue," and we feel that we've gained one more true sister.

Last Friday and Saturday nights, October 20 and 21, we spent in performing the mystic rites over Miss Barber and Miss Lee, and Miss Belle Clark, who has been one of our faithful pledged girls for nearly two years. We departed from our usual custom, and took two nights for the initiation, dividing our time up "thusly": Friday night, we let out the goat, and he held high carnival; Saturday night we had the vows, after which we had a spread, and a very delightful time. We were twenty-two in number when we sat down at the tables, having with us several of our old girls. After the spread came the toasts, and our "babies" all distinguished themselves by their impromptu speeches.

It was toward Sunday morning when we started away from the hall for a round of serenades. We also had printed some very pretty souvenir cards, and these we left wherever we serenaded, and we sent one to each of the other fraternities represented here.

Altogether we feel as if we had "done ourselves proud," and we feel sure we have the heartiest sympathy and congratulations of our sisters in Delta Gamma.

GRACE COGSHALL.

## **Personals.**

### **CHI.**

Miss Carrie Adsitt, '91, has given up teaching and returned to Cornell for a year of post-graduate work.

Miss Annie Thomas, a Delta Gamma from Eta, is also registered as a post-graduate in the university.

Miss Anna Bronson, '93, is teaching French and German in Brown University.

Miss Bertha Reed, '91, is teacher of mathematics in the Ithaca High School.

### **ETA.**

Anna E. Thomas, '93, is taking a post-graduate course in history and literature at Cornell.

Edith M. Cole is at Leroy, Ohio, where she has a position as teacher of elocution.

Isabella M. Green is doing post-graduate work at Buchtel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Olin are rejoicing for the third time. Another D. G. boy.

Miss McCready has just been called to her home in Detroit by the death of her sister.

Flora Warner Beach is now living at Marietta, O. Her husband occupies the chair of English literature in Marietta Woman's College.

Alice Barnes is cashier in Hotel Lamphere, Chicago.

Enid Warner Slack, whose home is at West Superior, Wis., is very proud of her baby boy (I suppose).

### **KAPPA.**

Miss Alice Wing has gone to New York where she expects to study art this winter.

Misses Sara Schwab, Miriam Starrett, Laura Haggard,

Bessie Wing, Lydia Mullen, are teaching in the Lincoln city schools.

Miss Ada Coldwell has returned to Chicago to continue her art work after a pleasant vacation at home.

Miss Nell Cochrane, '93, is the only one of our members, active or otherwise, who has plenty of time. She is resting, and in consequence is envied by the whole Kappa chapter.

#### LAMBDA.

Miss Mary Bassett, '93, is studying medicine at the U. of M., and is therefore still counted among Lambda's active girls.

Miss Louise Montgomery, '90, has returned to Pasadena, Cal., where she has charge of the English department in Troop College.

Miss Florence Gideon, '88, is teaching in the high school at Hastings, Minn.

Miss Lana Countryman, '91, continues to fill a responsible position in Stillwater high school.

Mrs. Anna Erb Graber, ex '92, is the mother of a baby girl.

Mrs. Belle Morin Purdy is living in Minneapolis, and receives her Delta Gamma friends with her well-known hospitality.

Miss Clara Kellogg, '93, is at home in St. Paul, occupying herself with "doing nothing."

Miss Frances Montgomery, '92, has charge of a department in the kindergarten training school in St. Paul.

#### OMEGA.

The engagement of Miss Sophia Clawson, '92, of Monroe, to Mr. Eldan S. Cassiday, '89, of Madison, is announced.

Miss Harriet Pope, '93, is teaching at Roseman, Montana.

Miss Olive Fulton, '95, will not enter the university this fall on account of her ill health.

Miss Antonette Meinhardt, of Sigma, entered the U. W. this fall.

Miss Susie Drake, '96, will not return to the U. W. this fall.

Miss Belle and Linnie Flesh have removed from Chicago to New York City where they will make their home in the future.

PHI.

Miss Hattie Hogarty of '93, came up a few weeks ago and spent Sunday with us, she is teaching school near Greeley.

Miss Louise Chase, formerly of Georgetown, Colo., is now living in Boulder.

Miss Mamie Johnston is teaching French and German in the Denver High School.

Miss Bertha Root is teaching in Boulder again this year, her sister is expected soon and for a time will take a special course at the university.

Miss Helen Beardsley spent the vacation in Boulder and is now teaching in Fairfield, Ill.

PSI.

Louise W. Tull, '93, is studying for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Bryn Mawr College.

XI.

To Lizzie Northrop Avery of '88, a baby girl.

Dr. Josephine Milligan has given up her practice in Jacksonville to practice at Hull House, Chicago.

Helen Lovell has been made professor of Greek at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.

Mattie Eddy is teaching in Shelbyville, Ill.

Mary Powers, '93, has accepted the position of instructor of Modern Languages in the Kalamazoo High School.

Maud Parsons, '93, is teaching in the high school at Saginaw, Mich.

Miss Ada Zarbell is studying for master's degree at Chicago University.

Florence Pope, '93, was married at Wequetonsing, Mich., Sept. 12th, '93, to Mr. Irving Wolverton of Cleveland.

### **Exchanges.**

The editor has been considering the advisability of dropping the exchange department. It is a department that appears with less and less frequency in fraternity journals, and among the journalists the impression seems to prevail that a distinct step in advance has been made when they are able to eliminate the exchange department from the pages of their journal. The writer has ever doubted the value of this department to readers; so meagre must the clippings necessarily be, that they hardly serve to keep one in touch with progress of the Greek world, and but for this reason, the department has a very poor excuse for being. But in reference to ANCHORA, there has always been a doubt if anything of greater interest could be substituted therefor. Any change would necessarily entail more work upon the chapters, and judging from the extreme difficulty with which the required number of contributions are now extracted from the associate editors, it is not probable that they would fancy an increase of responsibility. The editor has always enjoyed the exchange department, and to make sure that she was not conducting it solely for her personal amusement, a vote of the chapters has been taken in regard to their desire for its continuance. All but one were more or less emphatically in favor of maintaining it; many wished more space to be given to it. This unanimity of opinion, of course, settles this matter for ANCHORA, for the present, and it is with pleasure that the editor welcomes her friends, the enemy, to the sanctum once more. We sometimes reproach ourself for not treating them more graciously, but this feeling never lasts until another issue of ANCHORA. We always remember that it is a duty to treat one's friends with a certain "noble eumity," and that it is more complimentary to be criticised than to be flattered.

The *College Fraternity* has merged into *The University Review*, with the evident ambition of being classed with periodicals of general interest. Fraternities, which were the subject of paramount importance in last year's publication, occupy very little space in the new *Review*. It is hoped that this experiment will prove more successful and enduring than have similar ones in the past. The first issue devotes a goodly number of pages to foot ball, and if it continues to make athletics conspicuous in its pages, it will probably secure a much larger number of readers than if it confined itself to the less important subjects of college interest.

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As one takes up the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, one involuntarily thinks of Y. M. C. A., W. C. T. U., Y. P. S. C. E., and all the other things that are alphabetical and much-to-be-commended. The July number contains the editors' customary farewells. If our memory serves us, the *Journal*, as well as the *ANCHORA*, has printed the last will and testament of the editors who would not die more than once, therefore we look forward to the pleasure of reading a retraction in the next issue. Editorially the *Journal* talks about "internal progress" in a way that excites one's curiosity and tempts one to ask the question the boot-black put to the Quaker. The latter refused the business proposition of the former saying he "wished to shine only by inward grace," whereupon the boot-black, with an eye to business, demanded: "What is inward grace, and how does the old thing work?"

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"In every instance our members should enter upon their recruiting work with enthusiasm, and pursue it with the determination to have the very best of the entering class, and to keep the chapter ranks full. Do not imagine that because you have five, eight, or ten congenial men, you are strong enough. You are weak and *losing ground* unless you add new blood and fortify yourselves against all contingencies. It is a duty every chapter owes to the fraternity to

maintain the strongest possible footing."—*Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*.

There is both truth and fiction in the above from an editorial on rushing. The first sentence is truth and the third is fiction. It is obviously desirable that chapters recruit each year their waning strength, but it is not desirable that they do so at the expense of quality in the recruits, and the determination to gain new members at whatever cost is detrimental to the best interests of the fraternity. No chapter loses ground by being conservative, and five or eight members are enough, if a chapter cannot have ten or fifteen without taking in initiates of doubtful eligibility. A fraternity should keep up its standard first, and after that its active membership.

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The editor of the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* is evidently somewhat discouraged. After she has been engaged in the work a little longer, she will learn to be surprised and gratified when the chapters deign to send any material for publication, instead of being disappointed at the non-arrival of the requested contributions. She writes:

"We had planned to open each issue with an article upon some phase of fraternity life, to follow with a poem especially interesting to Alpha Phi, to be followed by another article and poem of less narrow scope. This aim it has sometimes been impossible to carry into effect. The alumnae are so busy that the editor's invitations cannot always be gratefully accepted. Manuscript written for another occasion is offered in the place of the fraternity article asked for. The editor must take what she can get, if she cannot get what she wishes, in the line of subjects. The editor of no other paper is so entirely at the mercy of contributors."

Full many a time and oft has the editor of ANCHORA planned to print some articles of surpassing interest by prominent members of the fraternity, and just about as many times has she waited in vain for the contribution that never was written, and at the eleventh hour she has filled up

the space by herself writing again the things she has written a dozen times before. Fortunately, that is a means of revenge that editors always have at hand.

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From the *Kappa Alpha Theta Journal*, we quote:

"What is fraternity work?

Webster, in defining the word *work*, gives four meanings which apply equally well to fraternity work.

The first, "*to transact, to carry on business.*" Have we not all met with that kind of work in our fraternity life, and has it not been an invaluable lesson to us? Has not the business of the fraternity, both financial and executive, taught us that which later experience might bring to us with more serious results?

The cares and burdens of the fraternity house or hall, the debts to be met, the books to be kept, or even the knowledge of parliamentary rules, have proved an education, teaching us to be that important factor in modern civilization, women capable of taking care of their own business affairs. \* \* \*

The second meaning is, "*to have effect or influence.*" Therein lies our highest and most sacred duty, and the one also that we are most liable to overlook. For through our fraternity we are enabled to influence, not only our own members, but the many outside girls, provided that we take pains to do so and shape our own actions to that end. Every girl has the power to exert an almost immeasurable influence over her companions if she only recognizes the fact herself, and nowhere is she brought in contact with so many widely different natures as through her fraternity. \* \*

The third meaning, "*to mould, to shape,*" is but the natural sequence of the second; for by every noble deed that we perform, urged on by the worthy purpose of doing good unto others, we do good unto ourselves. Our college life is not given us merely that we should gain a knowledge of books, but that we should mould and shape our characters; and for that same end also is given us in a great measure our fraternity life. \* \* \*

The fourth meaning, "*to accomplish, to achieve,*" is the summing up of the whole, for what work is perfect that is not directed toward some definite end, and which does not achieve that purpose?"



The *Key* discusses, editorially, the reasons why *alumnae* so often neglect to wear their fraternity pin.

"Each *alumna* must answer to her own conscience as to her continued faithfulness. But as far as our observation goes, there are many whose interest in the fraternity remains, whose dearest friends are still those that they found in the chapter circle,— and yet the little key is not, as it used to be "in the old times," an invariable ornament of their attire. With one such *alumna* we were speaking a few weeks ago of this very matter. She suggested what is no doubt a partial explanation. Among fraternity men, she said, there is often a sense that to wear the badge after graduation is rather pedantic, an unnecessary display of college relations. This view was a startlingly novel one to us. We had continued to wear the key, without a suspicion of impropriety, and indeed had felt disturbed when our older sisters were seen unadorned. But as if in confirmation of their way, came the recollection of certain college people, more commonly undergraduates, who really do flaunt their college associations most disagreeably in the faces of innocent persons who have not enjoyed the same advantages. A few such we have had the misfortune to behold, young men or women with whom, no matter in what company, every subject led to tales of "college" as infallibly as every road in ancient days led to Rome. Now there are a good many people yet remaining in the world who have not had a college education. Some of them jeer a little at those who have, when the latter show an unhappy lack of address in later life. But others regret sincerely that the opportunity was denied them, and are only too ready to fancy that those who have been more fortunate are looking down on them half-contemptuously from the summit of some sort of intellectual superiority. The fraternity alumni who refuse to make a practice of wearing the badge have discovered, very likely, that the questions that it called forth put them apparently in the attitude of those too-uplifted collegians before-mentioned; a position certainly most undesirable. The fraternity woman, likewise, as she goes among various kinds of her fellow-beings after commencement, may find that a badge gives her the air of one who is unduly magnified in her own estimation by her rank as a college woman."

Perhaps the above is a minor reason for the non-appearance of fraternity pins upon *alumnae*, but the real reason is

the one that Greeks seldom admit with anything but reluctance. In forty-nine cases of fifty, the *alumnæ* who do not wear their pins habitually, fail to do it, not from any specific reason, but simply and solely because they do not think about it. *Alumnæ* do not as a rule, lead a life that is only reminiscent of their college days; they are usually engaged in business or social duties, and in spite of popular opinion to the contrary, there is occasionally one who marries and occupies herself with household cares. College days and even fraternity, then, seem very far away, and the little pin is forgotten except when one revisits *alumnæ* mater, or is thrown again among college people. This is not disloyalty; it is necessity. The human mind does not keep up active and ardent interests in the same things forever, and fraternity women should be the last to wish to check the progress and development of their members, that their interests might remain centred in the sorority. Love for the fraternity is not manifested by wearing outward visible signs of loyalty, but by the lives its members lead, and everyone who becomes an earnest and lovable woman does more for the honor of her order than fifty could do by the mere display of fraternity pins.



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**"The union of souls is an anchor in storms."**

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## **The Woman's College of Baltimore and Her Fraternities.**

The Woman's College holds a unique place among American colleges for women, in that it is the only one in which the Greek letter fraternity idea has gained a firm foot-hold, and where fraternities are not only allowed but encouraged by the college authorities.

Baltimore is peculiarly suited to be the site of a college for women; situated as it is midway between north and south, it is easily accessible to students of both sections. The general tone of Baltimore society is cultured, and as the home of the Johns Hopkins University, besides many smaller institutions, it may soon vie with Boston as a great educational center. The five years of the history of the Woman's College have proved that its reputation is not merely local, for it draws its patronage from all parts of the country, and is already successfully competing with the older colleges. It is also a noteworthy fact that, although a denominational college, yet only fifty per cent. of its students are from Methodist families.

Baltimore, as is well known, has a distinctively southern air, and one naturally expects to find in the Woman's College the typical southern girl, but she cannot be found except in rare instances. Among southerners of the "Old Regime," the idea of the higher education of women has found its way very slowly, but with the development of the "New South" is coming the desire for college education and broader culture.

The Woman's College of Baltimore was founded by the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1885. The first class matriculated in September, 1888. Its growth has exceeded the most sanguine hopes of its founders. When the project was first talked of it was the purpose to establish a young ladies' seminary. It owes its existence as a college equal to any in the country in its requirements, to a few influential friends having the courage of a strong conviction that an institution such as they wished could and would earn a right to live and succeed.

The college buildings now number seven, and a physiological laboratory and a new residence hall are in process of building. The main group of buildings is on St. Paul St. between Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth Sts. They are of gray granite and the general style of architecture is the same. While massive in structure they have not the gloomy appearance so often belonging to such large buildings. Goucher Hall, the main recitation hall, stands next the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and is connected with it by a short bridge, the chapel of the church being used as the college chapel. North of Goucher Hall across Twenty-third St. is Bennett Hall, the college gymnasium. It is one of the best equipped gymnasiums for women in the world, and is a great source of pride to the college. Physical training forms an important feature in the college curriculum, every student devoting three hours a week to it during her college course.

The preparatory school of the college, "The Girl's Latin School," has just entered a new building, which is destined some time to be the science building, for it is the expectation of the college to do away soon with its preparatory department.

In its curriculum the Woman's College has followed the plan of the "Group System," first developed at the Johns Hopkins University and afterwards at Bryn Mawr. The plan is that every student selects two subjects, related in some degree, in which she specializes, devoting three years to her major subject and two years to the minor. The

college of course prescribes certain courses which every candidate for a degree must take, but the choice of her specialty is thrown open to her. The result of following this plan is that at the end of her college course each student feels that she has gained a command over two subjects which it would have been impossible to acquire with a smattering of a good many subjects without having gone deeply into any.

Although the Woman's College is young, there is no lack of college spirit. College loyalty is a distinguishing trait of every student. This spirit has manifested itself more this last fall than in former years. Class spirit is growing, too, but only in the way of friendly rivalry. Class lines are very loosely drawn, and class feeling does not exist to the degree that it does in the older colleges. Following the old college tradition, with the advent of the present freshman class a friendly compact has come to be between the seniors and sophomores on one hand and the juniors and freshmen on the other.

The social life in the Woman's College has no particularly distinctive features. The life in the college dormitories is for the most part a free one; there are no restrictions to speak of except for those things, to quote the college catalogue, which come from "widely accepted views of propriety and considerations of moral security." The girls in the dormitories give monthly receptions, and the routine of college life is occasionally broken by class and fraternity parties and impromptu entertainments. The present freshman class has been a much feted one. First the seniors gave a tea the first week of college. Later the sophomores challenged them to a tennis tournament, in which the freshmen were victorious. As a result of the tennis tournament, a mock trial was held a week or two later, the sophomores suing the freshmen for damages for injuries received in a flag rush during the tournament. Here again victory was with the freshmen. The most unique entertainment was the "Witch Party" given by the juniors, in which the girls of



'95 posed as witches and in which the gymnasium was the scene of weird revelry.

But the fraternities develop the social side of college life more than any other one factor. Four of the women's fraternities have entered the college. Delta Gamma has the honor of being the first of these, Psi chapter being established there in May, 1891. Its policy has always been conservative. It has initiated seventeen members and its active members now number thirteen. Delta Gamma's annual receptions are one of the social events of the year.

The Zeta chapter of Alpha Phi was established in November of the same year. It has always led in numbers since its organization.

Tau Kappa Pi as a Greek letter society is older than the fraternities. In the fall of the present year it has been incorporated as a fraternity.

Gamma Phi Beta, the latest arrival, is as yet too young to have any marked characteristics. It starts with seven charter members.

The college can boast that it has no chapter of a fraternity that can be called weak, for prosperity has seemed to attend them all.

LOUISA WILSON KNOX, Psi.

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### **Eligible Delta Gammas.**

When the college term opens in the fall how eagerly we scrutinize each new student to find whether he or she is going to make a good fraternity member. Here is a "swell" young man, every detail of his dress is up to the mode. This is an overwhelming point in his favor with our fastidious young men, but here is a friend of his to whose more conservative mind the new man has the air of a fop. Charming his manners are, and witty his rapartee, but as for a high and earnest purpose in life, it is doubtful whether he has one. If this is the case, it will take the combined judgment of the most conservative and the most liberal to decide whether or not our freshman is to belong to our fraternity

of high standard. Now here is a charming girl who attracted our attention the first time we saw her, her face is fair, her gown and hat are *chic*, her shoes and gloves (and this is convincing,) are such as a lady should wear. Her conversation is ready, her manners are pleasing, she is sure to be popular. O, what a prize! Then comes a hard rush and we win. This is glory and we appreciate our hardly won victory. It is as we thought, our new girl is popular, she is sweet and winsome, she has callers every night; she does not have much time to study, but she is bright enough to "get through." Is she a success? Why are we in college?

Is it to exercise our social favors, to be as fascinating as possible, to dress as well as possible and altogether to be as popular as possible while we are here? Not one of us when she comes down to serious thinking believes that. We are here to prepare for still wider influence, more important duties. We are here to grow intellectually and morally; we are here to become cultivated and refined by contact with scholars and fellow-students. We then, first of all, must take care not to become one-sided or narrow-minded. We must not try to have our members alike in all particulars. However desirable it may be to shine in society, we must not seek popularity to the exclusion of other means of cultivation. Should we not try to have in our chapter strong characters of various moulds, which illustrate very different phases of disposition and education, that we may learn of each something new, and as it were, preserve the equilibrium of our fraternity. We do not care to have all our girls popular; no more do we care to have them all absorbed in book-study. And neither do we want even the most exceptionally brilliant student, unless she has innate refinement. I do not mean that she must have been brought up with the best advantages for culture. She may have come to college for the very reason that she has heretofore been deprived of refining influences. And she may on this account be just the girl to develop us while we help to develop her. But there is an innate refinement without which she can never become a valuable member of our

fraternity. This characteristic, together with a noble and earnest purpose in life, are to my mind the most important elements in a fraternity girl. And the relation of fraternity members to each other is one of such intimacy that one can not be too careful, in choosing a new sister, to perceive in her these qualities of a natural gentlewoman.

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### **What Constitutes a Weak Chapter?**

In a university where many sororities exist, and where rivals are prone to breathe forth the kindly sentiment that so-and-so is a "weak chapter" because it "has only" "members," a chapter must needs ask itself the question? are we weak? shall we give the privileges of membership to less worthy women? To answer the questions let a chapter in true secretan fashion put to itself another, what makes us strong?

Every chapter knows that if it has lost sight of the spirit of liberty, equality, fraternity, and live only by virtue of its successful campaigns and victories, it must fall; for it is built upon the sand. Small numbers are not a sign of weakness. Nay, rather the weakness of a chapter is to be found in the one whose individual members are lacking in the principles belonging to a fraternity, are unsuccessful students, and in whose personnel those virtues are not found that make a serious, thoughtful woman.

But, if a chapter, be it ever so small—a mere handful, if it be carrying out the aims and policy of its fraternity, if it cultivate diligently and persistently the habit of thoughtfulness, of unselfishness, of sympathy, and of forbearance, if it say, "my sister," whom-so-ever it may be, it is strong. It will surmount all difficulties, and will be a credit to its fraternity, a credit to its university.

MARTHA HUTCHINSON,  
KAPPA.

### **Editorials.**

We have been requested to print the names of the corresponding secretaries in ANCHORA, and gladly would we do so, could those individuals be induced to disclose their identity to a curious public. A few names have been received, but the list is still very incomplete, and as it is desirable that it be completed before it is published, will those corresponding secretaries who have not already done so, please confide their names and addresses to the editor without further delay?

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From time to time the editor has made hitherto vain attempts to develop the alumnæ department of ANCHORA into a thing of interest, and a joy forever. It is easy to complain of lukewarmness on the part of alumnæ, but what is there to keep their enthusiasm alive, if even their fraternity journal contains no word from the friends who were active workers for Delta Gamma in years gone by? The work of making Delta Gamma and ANCHORA a living interest to alumnæ lies largely, almost entirely, with the associate editors. Items of personal interest about the alumnæ, and letters from them, must be solicited. They are not coming by voluntary contribution. If the alumnæ would themselves assume the responsibility of this department, and make it a point to write a line to ANCHORA whenever they change their local habitations or their names, the difficulty would be solved at once. But few of them will do this; they fancy it savors of egotism, and each argues that one item the less will make little difference anyway. It is necessary for the active members to feed the vanity of their

modest ancestors, and write them again and again in order to obtain meagre information in regard to their whereabouts and occupations. It is rather discouraging work, and the associate editor may grow weary of recording commonplace facts about unillustrious individuals, but that should not deter her; she must ever remember that although the ordinary events of ordinary lives are of no general importance, to personal friends it is of the greatest interest to learn that Miss Mary Jones has taken unto herself a husband, and that Mrs. Anna Smith-Brown has become the dismayed mother of twins. Of course, it would be pleasant to chronicle, in relation to our alumnæ, items of national interest, but just at present Delta Gamma does not seem to be composed of the material that moves empires; and rather than have the alumnæ department sink into a state of lethargy, it is desirable that the associates continue to send announcements when Miss Jones moves from Oshkosh to Milwaukee.

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The inter-chapter exchange of sorority journals has been revived, and apparently nothing now stands in the way of its being a success, as all but one of the women's fraternities have entered into the movement. Ere this, every chapter of Delta Gamma should have received copies of the *Arrow*, the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, the *Key*, the *Journal of Kappa Alpha Theta*, and the *Trident*. If any chapters fail to receive copies of these journals, they are requested to notify the editor of the fact. This is the one practical suggestion that Pan-Hellenism has thus far offered, and it is hoped that the chapters will welcome and read these exchanges in a spirit of kindness, and willingness to profit by the suggestions that must come from the perusal of so many journals from various sources. The movement is not started for the purpose of giving an opportunity to the sororities to criticise their rivals, and although comparisons will doubtlessly be made, they need not be invidious ones. In order to maintain our own dignity it is not necessary to disparage rivals.

The attitude which we should maintain towards our rivals has often been discussed in these pages, but as the subject is rather a hobby of the editor, and as a recent event has suggested that the spirit of charity is not so widely disseminated through Delta Gamma as we had hoped, perhaps a few more words on the same topic may be opportune. The time has been in the history of fraternities when the opinion seemed to prevail that loyalty to one's own society implied enmity to all others. But gradually the better element in all fraternities has come to see that so narrow and selfish a policy is unworthy of men and women who aspire to broad-minded culture and noble friendships. The virtue of the principle of peace, and of good will to all, has been recognized; it now remains to us to apply it. Many of the chapters we know have long since done this, and have learned that Delta Gamma is not less honored when her individual members associate with cordial sympathy with Kappas and Alpha Phis. This fact ought to be so self-evident that its mere discussion would be offensive, as implying the possibility of the chapters' being actuated by unworthy aims and low ideals. Unfortunately we have evidence that Delta Gamma in some sections is even yet not free from jealousy and envy. Where such feeling exists root it out, without delay. Let no effort be spared in the endeavor to establish friendly relations with rivals. Encourage all sorts of courtesies between chapters of rival sororities. Do all that can be done to foster warm friendships between individuals of different societies. Under no circumstances should such friendships meet with disapproval from the chapter. They should be regarded rather as a cause for pride. It is desirable neither for Delta Gamma nor for themselves that her members choose friends only from within her circle. The possibilities of friendship must not be circumscribed nor limited in an arbitrary way. Friendship must come freely to be of value. In so far as any chapter attempts to dictate to its members the circle from which their friends are to be chosen, in so far as she trespassing upon individual freedom of thought and action,

in so far is she exercising "powers not her own," interfering with the progress of our order, lowering our ideal. We are not striving to train in our midst loyal Delta Gammas; we are seeking to develop earnest, loyal, true-hearted women, broad-minded, and generously sympathetic.

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### **A Friend.**

"They enjoyed the unusual pleasure of mutually understanding each other, both in their jests and in earnest. It is not every one who meets with such a friend."

"Friend of my heart, would I could count for thee  
The riches that thy love has brought to me;  
A tree of fruit-bloom near my meadow nest,  
A singing brook, a sunlit mountain crest.  
Sweet Rhine-land wine, to cheer the fainting heart,  
A chord of heaven's own music,—these thou art.  
But these are symbols vain. When, hand in hand,  
We walk the field of that fair promised land  
Where souls hold converse, right words shall repeat  
What I can only feel in this life, sweet."

ELLEN SOULE CARHART, Xi.

## Chapter Letters.

ALPHA; MOUNT UNION COLLEGE.

"Where there's a will, there's a way." In what a persistent and obtrusive and really impudent manner these old sayings will sometimes force themselves upon us! I had sought my favorite corner, and taken the editor's implements of warfare, which are as clumsy for me as was Saul's armor for David, intent on writing this letter, when other pressing duties loomed up before me, and "I can't now" had almost passed my lips when, like a flash, came this old adage, "Where there's a will, there's a way." Its "persistent iteration" won the day, and here I am, the bearer of whatever news Alpha may have for her sister chapters. The best news is the giving of the first degree to three lovely girls, Jennie Hillis, junior, Cora McCallum, sophomore, and Nellie Jennings, freshman, who has worn the colors as a pledged member for some time. Our fraternity home was the scene of festivities on Halloween to about a dozen gentlemen friends, together with a few of the alumnae and the active chapter. A skull and cross-bones of fire grinned cheerfully on the gentlemen as they ascended the stairs, and ghastly faces stared at them along the dark hall-way. When once within the rooms, however, light and cheer dispelled their forebodings. The time was spent according to the time-honored customs of the eve, and in playing games into which some special features entered. One of the gentlemen won a prize of the book significantly entitled, "Reveries of a Bachelor," for giving correctly the largest number of names of quotations read; on their arrival those present having each handed two quotations to the reader. Light refreshments were served and napkins of the fraternity colors, and tiny horns tied with ribbons of bronze, pink and blue adorned the plates of all present. Just before eleven the company dispersed (according to *previous arrangement* with the faculty), filling the silence with the musical (?) tones of their souvenirs.

Pearl Binford has left school, but we expect to see her



back again, and Jennie Hillis will not be attending during the winter term, but as she lives in town we will have the pleasure of seeing her at our meetings frequently.

Ere the "dear girls" read this, the happy holidays will have gone, but I am sure I express the wish of Alpha in hoping they were pleasantly spent by every wearer of our anchor.

HARRIET P. MARSH.

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CHI; CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The popular question at present is, "What do you expect for Christmas?" Asking day, Chi's Christmas has come and gone, and she is now prepared to tell you not only what she expected but what she received. The only thing to mar her happiness is her sorrow that the other fraternities could not have been so fortunate. We have maintained our conservative policy to the end, so that we have only three "pledgelings," but these three are ideal Delta Gammas. They are to be initiated into its mysteries soon after the beginning of the winter term, and then they make their debut. This is the year for our large reception, and it is our wish to make it "the swellest of the swell." We are planning to receive the faculty from four to six in the afternoon, followed in the evening by a dancing party at which we expect to see our freshmen the belles of the evening.

The faculty while we have been busy with examinations has established quite a new regime. The student body are waiting to see the experiment tried before they decide whether they approve or not. We are to have no more finals. So far we endorse their action, but we are reminded of the adage, "The medicine is worse than the cure." To take the place of the finals a series of unannounced preliminaries throughout the term are to be substituted and this announcement has aroused a groan. Our post-graduate from Eta, who has experience, consolingly tells us that they are not so bad, but we are suspicious. The college year also is to be longer than heretofore. This move is quite unaccountable unless it is that our faculty are loth to see us leave them. One other reform has been proposed and the one we most hoped to see adopted has been lost. It was a proposition to establish lunch-counters upon the campus, but the faculty had too much regard for our digestion. The faculty say their ultimate aim is to convert Cornell into a

post-graduate institution, but whatever be their reforms we hope and are sure Delta Gamma will remain the same.

CHI.

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DELTA; UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

When the last ANCHORA came I was almost ashamed to have the girls see it, as Delta's letter was not there; but as there were so many others from loyal Delta Gammas, I decided that Delta's wasn't missed very much after all.

All of Delta's girls had a pleasant vacation and entered college in the fall with a good supply of enthusiasm which seems to have lasted pretty well so far. We were sorry to have Florence Whittier leave us for Stanford, but she expects to make us a visit at Christmas time on her way home. During this term we have secured several pledges for  $\Delta \Gamma$ 's. About the middle of the term we brought them out in the colors at the home of Dean Matthew. This occasion was an "at home" to the faculty, an august assembly which it is very difficult to get together very often, even in chapel; but the Deltas succeeded in bringing them out pretty well on that day in spite of the rain. We introduced the following pledges: Stella and Mabel Chamblin, of Riverside; Mary Arnold, of Orange; Ruth Balsley and Mabel Martin, of Los Angeles. All of these girls have the possibilities of making real loyal Delta Gammas, as indeed they are already. The "at home" was in honor of Mrs. Matthew's birthday, and we girls remembered it by giving her one of Newman's pearl  $\Delta \Gamma$  pins.

The Deltas are taking special interest in the late tennis tournament, as two of them have entered and have great expectations.

On Hallowe'en a score or more of Delta Gammas and girl friends in quaint costume gathered at the home of the Misses Whitlock. The hall and parlors were lighted by jack-o'-lanterns, which gave a ghostly sort of light. After the grand march the evening was passed in music and Hallowe'en games.

Delta sends kindest greetings to all Delta Gammas and wishes to say that if any sister should find her way to California for the Midwinter Fair we should be pleased to have her come to the City of the Angels and call upon us, as we have never met many of our eastern Delta Gammas.

FRANCES WHITLOCK.

## ETA ; BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Eta sends greetings to the chapters, and wishes she could do so oftener. Why wouldn't it be a good plan to have a circulating letter, or if it would take too long for one to get around, have two of them, one started at the beginning and one half-way down the list? It seems to me that it would keep us more in touch with the different chapters, scattered as they are, all over creation.

I congratulate you all on your new girls, and am anxious to hear about them, for by this time there must be quite a number of them altogether, and I suppose each and all of you think of them as a mother does of her baby, that there are no others quite as nice as your own. As for us we have but one to introduce, Margaretta Cheshire, but we are very proud of her.

Don't you feel proud of ANCHORA in its new suit? I do. For ever so long after I had read mine, I kept it on the table, where I could every now and then turn an admiring eye toward it.

That idea of Sigma's is a capital one, and we have talked of following it somewhat. Think how delightfully cozy the frat meetings could be made, holding them from five to seven and having tea in the hall!

We have had several very pleasant parties this fall, with the usual good time at each. What is the use of telling what good times we had? Is it possible for a crowd of girls (especially Delta Gammas) not to have a good time when they are about it?

One of our parties was given in our new hall, or what is to be our new hall when we get money enough to paper and paint it, so we can move in. At present it is still the music room, a great, bare room with paper which has a most depressing effect, and containing nothing in the world except a piano and stool, and a gas jet. You probably think that a queer place to have a party, and so it was, but most delightfully queer, for the old room was fixed up with furniture taken from our own rooms, and "bright ideas" taken from our own heads, so that it was just as cozy as could be; the chief delight of each and every one of our hearts being a great, wide, soft "divan," which we had evolved out of our inner consciousnesses.

Our ideas all seem to run toward giving entertainments, now that the rushing season is over, and we have settled down to peace and quiet once more. We seldom get to-

gether without talking over some way of making money for our new hall. It is a very large room and it will take a good deal of money to furnish it. The Kappas have a new hall of the same size, and we are going in together to give a series of entertainments during the year. The feeling between the two fraternities is very cordial and pleasant, and we expect to get a great deal of pleasure of the affair, as well as money for our halls.

We have been meditating considerably lately upon our goat and whether it would be practicable to try to train him to act differently when we let him out. He is a savage beast, and perhaps a change in his disposition isn't to be expected, but we are going to see what we can do with him. What do you girls do with him? Perhaps that isn't a subject to be discussed in ANCHORA, but wouldn't that be a good thing to talk about in a circulating letter? I for one would like to know how you all manage the beast.

The dear, patient ANCHORA is beginning to frown at me, so I must stop; but I had forgotten to tell you that we have a contract with the Kappas, according to which we ask no girl who is not entitled to be a freshman, so we will have no more pledged girls.

And now I hope you will have a pleasant vacation and get lots of nice things in your stockings.

ELIZABETH M. BROPHY.

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KAPPA; UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Sam Patch's philosophy, "Some things can be done as well as others" applies with telling force to Delta Gamma's western barbarians. Even if we didn't win the silver question, we won something better—girls! and you know, of course, more girls means more silver. We have reached that blissful "healthy, wealthy, and wise." Healthy; for we have added to our already-large family; and now number seventeen. May I bow low and introduce the girls. They are: Jessie Law, a graduate from La Salle, Massachusetts, and our boasted senior; Bertha Law; Ura Louise Kelly; Blanche Garten; Mabel Ricketts, a former Evanston girl; and Agnes Sewell, our youngest and our gayest. A jolly host, I can assure you. The initiation was a success; but we shrink from reducing to dull, cold words its dazzling features and indescribable charms. Our Rosinante refuses.

Everything is statistics now-a-days, but upon the trea-

tures of our treasury, we are silent. We only fear the salary of the detailed officer on guard.

Among our helpful frivolities is our lecture course, which extends throughout the year. Dr. Fling, who has spent many years in Leipsic, launched us with "Talks on German Universities"; and Prof. Howard Caldwell, who travelled in England last summer for the express purpose of investigating the state of the laboring classes, kept our little craft sailing, using for a ballast a weighty description of the English working-man.

These lectures are not confined entirely to university circles, or to other sororities, but we bid many who are not in touch with student or fraternity life. Yet we feel that by doing this our fraternity may be better known, may have a better right to exist, and may fulfill its mission more sincerely.

Considerable interest has been aroused among the university women in the Young Women's Christian Association, whose work here is among the working girls. The association purpose to teach them as well as to give them a taste of home life and comfort. Our own Lulu Green, who just returned from Chicago University last summer is among the foremost in the work, thus bringing our fraternity into closer touch with that, the greatest of all fraternities—the Universal Sisterhood.

With love in our hearts toward all girls; we wish to you the merriest of Christmases!

MARTHA HUTCHISON.

#### LAMBDA; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

It was a small, dainty envelope and I opened it with alacrity; yes, an invitation, quite an urgent one, too: "Please let me have your chapter letter immediately."

Now I am very devoted to Lambda chapter, but I am not blind to her faults; and her seeming incapability of appreciating the importance of an ANCHORA letter is a very serious one. The editor may write her editorials upon, and clip from what the exchanges say about, the proper person to write these letters, but Lambda takes it not unto herself. I should feel flattered indeed, did I think I was chosen to continue scribe because of my ability to gracefully relate our news. But being this term one of those envied girls, "at home with nothing to do", I daresay it is supposed I can

while away some of the long hours in preparing an elaborate composition for ANCHORA. However, I promise you that this public exposure of my sisters' shifting of a responsible duty upon a non-active member will have the desired effect. And in next number our little happenings will be recanted in the interesting manner they should be.

We have but four new sisters to introduce to you this time, though the satisfied air with which we regard these youngest Delta Gammas makes it evident to all that we consider we've done very well indeed.

Elizabeth Norris, of Minneapolis, and Harriet Merrill, of St. Paul, were two most delightful discoveries on our part; while Blanche Mace's cousin, Adelaide Thompson of Hastings, and Bertha Darrow, of Moorhead, Ada Comstock's friend, we find to be everything that we were led to anticipate. Perhaps our pride in these babies was too great for our good, and the temporary loss of one of them is a judgment on us, for Miss Norris on account of ill-health has been obliged to leave college for the remainder of the year. It is as hard to do without her as though she had been a Delta Gamma for years.

The initiation took place one night in the latter part of October, and was in every way a grand success. Do you know that ever so many of our girls had in mind to do away with the "funny part" entirely, as being too "silly," "childish," and the like for college women. But the alumnae were put on the committee for initiation, and they having not out-grown such foolishness gave our freshmen a good old-fashioned introduction to Nanny. Then we went to Mrs. Belle Morin-Purdy's for the "truly" part, and enjoyed to the utmost the delicious banquet she had prepared for us.

Miss Ina Firkins made an ideal toast mistress, and the toasts were unusually good. Alice Butler responded to the "Babies", Mabel Thomas to the "Alumnæ", and Elizabeth Norris' remarks on behalf of the "Goat" were decidedly witty and original. Ada Comstock rather gave us away, but we hope all of you who read the toast to "Delta Gamma Cake" in last ANCHORA will not think too hardly of us, we're really not quite so bad as our sarcastic sister has painted us. As Clara Kellogg was unable to be with us, her extemporaneous address (as Miss Firkins sweetly put it) to "Delta Gamma" was read by Clara Baldwin. Avis Grant toasted "Our Hostess." Incessant chatter followed, and a gay time generally, and it was a late hour when we bade our pretty hostess a reluctant adieu and hied us home.

Rushing is a thing of the past with us. Some of us would be glad to welcome one or two others to our happy circle, but a family of seventeen cannot always be of one mind, therefore we do not expect to grow any bigger this year.

One of our promising sophomore girls, Alice Butler, left for California at the close of last term. We hope the sunny land will so benefit her father's health that they may soon return to Minnesota. How we miss the bright face, and those quaint little speeches that only Alice can make. Leila Clough, like a sensible child, grew homesick, as it were, for the university, and all were delighted to have her register after Thanksgiving.

We enjoyed short visits last month from Clara King, '95, who is teaching this winter at Otsego; and from Olive Belle Graham, '94, of Anoka, who, in making home bright and happy, finds herself pleasantly occupied. Miss Thompson, of Sigma chapter, is in Minneapolis at present; we hoped to see her at our meeting Saturday, but were disappointed.

Now has every chapter so lovely an *alumnæ* as we, I wonder? Mrs. Ima Winchell Stacy delightfully entertained Lambda and her friends last Monday evening at her home on State Street. Avis Winchell Grant and Ada Louise Comstock (the latter being thus honored because of her commanding presence and the fact of her knowing most of the "friends") assisted Mr. and Mrs. Stacy in receiving between eighty and ninety guests. Music, games, and dancing came in their order, and a very pleasant informal time was enjoyed.

I feel quite loath to bring to a close this, my last letter to good ANCHORA. Truly, as some sister said last time, the correspondent's duty is not an unpleasant one; and had I not the best interests of my chapter at heart, perhaps I should not say farewell to-day.

FLORENCE E. GRAHAM.

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OMEGA; UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The longest and hardest term of the year is almost ended, and we are all looking forward to the two weeks rest, I know; but you want me to look backward, instead of forward, so that I may tell you whatever of interest has happened here in the last few months.

There has been almost no gaiety this term, as we are

trying the plan, for the first time, of recitations six days in the week in Freshmen and Sophomore studies. This of course keeps one rather busy, and then the Seniors are at work on their graduating thesis, so there is very little time for play.

However, we managed to give a party the seventeenth of November, which was a decided success.

This term we have adopted the plan of having a short programme after the regular business of the meeting has been concluded, and we have found this very pleasant.

This fall, when we came back and had no chapter house to welcome us, we were almost consolable, but now we have become reconciled to our fate and find it will be impossible to have a house this year, but next fall we hope to have a home once more.

Thanksgiving a number of the sisters spent at their homes, and the unfortunate ones who could not go home were entertained by their Madison friends.

Last meeting we had the pleasure of entertaining several alumnae and enjoyed the reminiscences of their Omega experiences as we all enjoy such talks.

We are all working hard now for the examinations which will take place next week, college closing the twenty-second of December. Then we all expect to enjoy the holidays at our homes for two weeks.

Omega wishes to all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

EVA H. BOSTWICK.

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PHI; UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Another chapter letter! No sooner have I quieted my conscience by the sending off of one epistle, and congratulated myself that the deed was done, than like an avenging spirit, that dreaded messenger, the postal from the editor, announces that it is time for another letter.

We have at last hit upon an excellent plan to insure the presence of all the members at our Delta Gamma meetings. We decided that not only should the "higher man" (for which we are at present taking small doses of Ibsen at each regular meeting) be cultivated, but also the "inner man" should receive careful attention. Now that we have a means of securing the presence of each member, can any of



our  $\Delta I$  sisters tell us some way to bring them on time? Of course we all have excellent excuses, who could wish for better? "The gentle (?) Colorado zephyrs playfully lifted my hat and bore it away and such a chase as I had," or "I had company and thought they would never go," or "I was working on a piece of fancy work which I was anxious to finish, and was so surprised when the clock struck three and I hadn't even begun to get ready," and so forth and so on all the way down the list. Anyone sending answers to my above questions, "please enclose stamp for reply."

On Saturday evening, Oct. 28th, the "Sigs" entertained a few of the Delta Gammas and other friends by a small dance at Kent Hall.

On Monday evening, Oct. 30th, President and Mrs. Baker gave a very pleasant reception to the faculty and students of the University.

We had talked of giving a party on Halloween, but had given it up as impracticable, and thought nothing further about it, until the morning of the 31st of Oct. Some of the girls put their heads together and decided that they must and would have some "fun" on Halloween night, so we hurried around, made our arrangements, and together with our pledges, and gentlemen friends, whom we were fortunate to find unengaged, we invaded the home of Miss Jessie Neikirk. I think the informality of the whole affair added pleasure to the participants, and if the amount of noise each one made testified to the amount of pleasure each one had derived, everyone must have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Although we have been very fortunate in securing those whom we have initiated, and have now as many, if not more than ever before, active members, nevertheless we decided that our circle was incomplete without that very desirable girl, Charlotte E. Ballard, of '97, so about three weeks ago we initiated her into our society. The initiation took place at Mrs. Barkers, and after the initiation occurred the inevitable, but always thoroughly enjoyable,  $\Delta I$  spread. Several of the girls were called upon for toasts to which she responded less bashful.

JENNIE FRANCES WISE.

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PSI; WOMAN'S COLLEGE, BALTIMORE.

Since last we wrote to our sister chapters, much has happened to tell them. The girls we chose to join us, Char-

lotte Murdock, Emelie Remhard, Edith Keyes, and Mabel Carter, are not only pledged but safely initiated, and have raised the number of full pledged fraternity members to the mystic thirteen.

By the way, did you ever notice how similar are the words fledgeling and pledgeling? So similar that one is inclined to think of our candidates as featherless and somewhat chilly. Now, however, they have been taken into the warmth of fraternal love, and their little feathers of ambition and enthusiasm are growing nicely.

One thing calculated to make our enthusiasm sprout, is our lovely, large, *empty* fraternity room. Fully thirty feet square, with five small rugs upon the floor,—nearly an acre of wall space, with three pictures hanging thereon,—truly one room needs energy and enthusiasm to make it as it should be. But what we have is beautiful, and each day adds to the list of our possessions. Besides pictures and rugs we have a good start in the way of furniture; a couple of tables, several chairs, a book-shelf, a lounge, and quite a number of ornaments.

Just at present, most of our girls are very much interested in a matter which is holding the attention of all four of the fraternities of the college. The Kalends, the college paper, is going to present a set of tableaux in our large gymnasium. The pictures will be divided into three groups to represent the three divisions of the paper, viz: The Literary Department, Notes and Jokes and Advertisements. Seven *ΔΓ*'s are actively engaged in preparing for the tableaux and some of the others will take part.

During the past month a new fraternity has entered the college—Gamma Phi Beta. It started with seven charter members and as yet has made no addition to its members. It is composed of lower classmen, having one sophomore, five freshmen and one special.

In the last letter from us our dear member spoke of the number of Delta Gamma girls who hold offices of importance in college politics. We now have on our list the senior and junior class presidents, the business manager, assistant editor and secretary of board of control of The Kalends, various officers of the Social Science Club, and one reporter of the freshman class.

We are proud of our freshmen. They are vigorous, if they are young, and when we take our degrees, and leave our chapter, we will be glad to leave behind us such substitutes.

The social side of Delta Gamma has not been neglected during the past few weeks. Besides the glorifications accompanying our pledging and initiation, we have met once at the house of the writer, solely for purposes of pleasure, and are now engaged to spend next Saturday afternoon at the house of one of the aforesaid freshmen, Charlotte Murdock.

We are looking forward to a winter of hard work, enlivened and encouraged by our intercourse with each other, bound together by the cords of Delta Gamma.

M. CHRISTINE CARTER.

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TAU; UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

'93 is drawing to a close, and the dreaded term examinations are upon us. If Tau's letter is somewhat incoherent, perhaps you can sympathize with "ye writer," whose mind is a seething chaos of English history and biology, to say nothing of coasting and sleighing. The novelty of the newly-fallen snow has not worn away, and we are planning some great frolics.

We girls have decided to hold our weekly meetings at half past one o'clock and spend the early afternoon in "sweet communion", meanwhile fashioning all sorts of dainty things for the coming gift-day. A dozen girls can think of so many more things than one, and we wish we could compare notes with all the girls of all the other chapters. Quite an education in this careful study of utility, beauty and economy; for are not all Christmas presents planned on that combination?

How much we admired ANCHORA's new dress, and it did us good to feel ourselves once more in touch with the Delta Gamma world. But alas! I respectfully beg leave to pass the reproaches cast upon my defenceless head on to the proof reader or the typesetter or whoever *is* the guilty party—and to introduce again our new senior, of whom we are very proud—Miss Rose Blanchard is from Oskaloosa, where she was a student of Penn College.

The Thanksgiving vacation scattered us for a little while, but the girls who remained took a consolation supper together and were properly lonesome for the absentees. Miss Larrabee, Miss Alford and Miss Blanchard spent the brief recess at their respective homes in Clermont, Waterloo and Oskaloosa.

Our circle has been increased by one new member since my last letter. It took the goat out in the chill air of a November morning, and a sunrise initiation seemed quite to agree with Nanny, — at least, the breakfast which followed did. And now Miss Fannie Davis, '95, of Springdale, wears the anchor. Rejoice with us.

The foot-ball season is over, and now that his locks are shorn, there is nothing to distinguish the foot-ball hero from an ordinary mortal, save a scar or two and an occasional slip in his vocabulary. The only league game on our home grounds (gridiron should I say?) was played with the University of Missouri, and the score was 28 to 12 in favor of S. U. I. That was a great day. The girls played well on the side lines, for the chivalrous southerners said they had not the heart to beat the girls, if they would have whipped the eleven.

If I should tell you that two of our girls, Miss Blanchard and Miss Larrabec, had the honor recently of an election into "Tabard," you would not appreciate it, I fear. But I will add that "The Tabard" was founded by the chair of English several years ago, is the only upper class society and very exclusive.

Dear girls, here's the merriest Christmas and the happiest New Years to you all from your sisters in Tau.

MARY C. HOLT.

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XI ; UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Xi's letter, we fear, will be a disappointment to all this month. We had hoped to introduce our new girls and give you a glimpse into our initiatory ceremonies, but initiations have been postponed until after the Christmas recess. So we shall be forced to wait until the next issue before we can tell the news, which is as hard for us as for Jack Frost to keep his finger from the bursting burr, waiting to scatter its treasures. We carry the comparison no further; our treasures will not be "chestnuts." Our initiations were postponed on account of the death of the father of Belle Krolic, one of our pledged girls, who comes to us from Detroit. We regret to write that Miss Katharine Angell has been obliged to give up her work for a while on account of ill health. We miss her very much, but are in a good measure consoled for her absence by the presence of her sister, Miss Julia Angell, who comes here from the Chicago University.

We who could not eat the home turkey Thanksgiving were happy in entertaining among other friends two of the girls who were graduated last year, Miss Maude Parsons, of Saginaw, and Miss Mary Power, of Detroit. They fitted into our life here so completely that we could have believed they had never left us, had it not been for an occasional outbreak of the little mannerisms that come with the added dignities of schoolmar'm.

Mrs. Gertrude Richardson Carson happily surprised us last week by a visit of a few days. These visits from the old girls are bright spots in the life of the house, none the less so from the fact that they have brought us very material comfort for the inner man, in the form of "spreads." The product of the home *cuisine* is indeed a consolation to the victim of the modern boarding house.

Dr. Josephine Milligan, of Chicago, spent a week with us at the chapter house. She is connected with the Hull house, and brought us much information in regard to college settlements. We were all greatly interested in her little talks, and glad to know what college women are doing in the great work-a-day world. With too many of us, college life and study are the preparations for a life for self only; we need the incentive that the knowledge of such work brings to us.

FLORA GALE BARNES.

#### ZETA; ALBION COLLEGE.

The mill still grinds. Your humble correspondent is so rushed that she hardly has time to turn over in bed. Fear, however, of being discharged from the honorable position she now holds, "with opprobrium and contempt," spurs her on to this desperate effort, very much as the Persians were flogged to battle.

We started out this term with an iron-clad resolution to read something in our weekly meetings that would "improve our minds." So we chose Ruskin's "Sesame and Lilies." So far so good. Fain would I have our sisters think that we had read and enjoyed it all, but "I can not tell a lie," and so confess in all humility that we've only read in it once.

We've about made up our minds that frat. meeting is not a school for mental culture, but a place where good friends gather to throw off the cares of the week, and have a good time.

By a natural reaction, we want to read a book *now*, that

"would'nt elevate a cow" as Jerome K. Jerome says. We've thought a little of Frank Stockton's "The Casting Away of Mrs. Lecks and Mrs. Aleshine."

Our regular meetings have been somewhat broken up this term. Last week was the Thanksgiving recess, and so many of the girls went home that business was out of the question, so the faithful few who stayed here, gathered together on Thanksgiving night and pulled taffy until they were "stuck on themselves." At the club where six of us girls dwell together in unity, a very delicious Thanksgiving dinner was served, and we had some neat menu cards to remember the day by. To the student who has never missed Thanksgiving at home, the thought of vacation spent at college, calls up the demon of homesickness; and yet the half week so spent has many pleasures.

Another Saturday night we had with us two of our "old girls," Miss Lilla Smart, who is still teaching in the Conservatory in Detroit, and Miss Lizzie Landon. Of course we could not celebrate the occasion fittingly in our ordinary meeting, so marshmallows followed, and the general jollification all girls enjoy.

Still another Saturday evening, we entertained in a very informal way, a girl whom we have invited, and who has not yet given us a decisive answer. We hope to tell you more about her later.

November fifteenth, was a holiday for us, and a day of general rejoicing. On that day we celebrated the formal dedication of our new chemical laboratory, the gift of Senator McMillian of Detroit. It is an imposing looking building of red brick and white stone, and is extremely well furnished and equipped for the study of chemistry.

December eighth, the class of '94 had a spread. Now don't say this is not interesting to you. The senior class has four representatives of Delta Gamma on its roll, and three of them were thrilled with pride, when number four (*I ought to say number one,*) Miss Adelaide Siddall, responded to the toast "The College Male." The only other girl on the program was a Kappa Alpha Theta, and the unanimous decision was that Miss Siddall's speech was the better. So of course we feel puffed up.

While we strive to live peacably with all men, we occasionally do get into a little jangle with our sister fraternities. At present it is Alpha Chi Omega. Lately one of their pledged girls, who has been pledged only a few weeks, resigned. The Alpha Chi girls have accused two of our

girls of influencing her to this step, and consequently things are a little unpleasant. Doubtless it will soon wear off.

Just two weeks till Christmas! It hardly seems possible it can be so near. We are all looking forward eagerly to home and vacation, and yet we have the bitter with the sweet; this is probably the last term we will ever have Gladys Lester with us. She goes to her home in Marine City, Michigan, at the end of the term. Of course we shall miss her, I don't need to tell you that.

Now, my dear "sisters" don't think that it's all play and no work here. I might have told you how hard we've all worked since I wrote last, but it would not be very interesting reading. For myself, in looking over the chapter letters, a few pages of *fun* and the antics of that fabulous creature, "the goat," do me more good than ten pages of Greek grammar.

GRACE COGSHALL.

## **Personals.**

### **ALPHA.**

Shortly after October the tenth, Alpha was the recipient of a dainty missive, always interesting,—a wedding announcement. Margaret Goss, always a loyal Delta Gamma, is now Mrs. H. L. Day. They were married at the home of the bride's parents, in Edinburg, Ohio, and are now "at home" in Omaha, Nebraska. "Sister Maggie" has the loving wishes of all who knew her.

Mrs. Agnes Thomas Morris has been visiting her parents in Alliance, with her baby daughter. She was a guest at the Hallowe'en party, and it was a pleasure to see her again. She has returned to her home in Illinois.

Miss Mary Carr, our professor of French and German, who has been resting and regaining health for a term, is again among us. She has had a pleasant vacation, and comes back in better health, which we hope will remain with her.

We are rejoicing over a rumor which we hope will resolve itself into fact. It is reported that Florence Overton is coming here to give lessons in physical culture and expression. She has had marked success in teaching this department elsewhere, and taking lessons under her will be a privilege of which we shall make good use. At present she has charge of the department of Delsarte expression in the Cleveland School of Oratory.

We are sorry to report that Anna Hole has been obliged to resign her position in the high school of Andover, on account of ill health. She has returned to her home in Damascus, Ohio.



We have assumed the responsibilities of "aunties" to another D. G. child. Georgian Douds Van Horn is the happy mother.

## CIII.

Miss Jessie M. Bunting spent the last two weeks of the term with us. She returns for the two following terms, at the close of which she is graduated.

Married, on Nov. 29th, Miss Elizabeth Dodds to Mr. Russel Elliot. At home in Buffalo after Dec. 10th.

## ETA.

To Mary Sibley Markley, a son, Paul Markley, October 30, 1893.

Miss Inez Perry and Mr. William Dobson, editor of the Akron Democrat, were married at the bride's home, Salesville, O., Oct. 11. They will make their home in Akron.

## DELTA.

Mrs. Julia Chamblin Whitcomb has moved with her husband to Chicago.

Miss Florence Whittier, our Delta baby, has entered Stanford University, where she is taking the classical course.

Miss Josie Maclay, '92, of San Fernando, was at university for a few days at the beginning of the term; all the Deltas, big and little, are happy when Josie comes.

Mrs. Schrader with her husband and family has removed to university again. We are glad to have her among us once more.

Mrs. Ella Farr Thomson is in San Francisco for the winter.

Miss Lulu Chapin, '91, is preparing to return to China as a missionary.

Miss Della Tucker is entering upon her junior year at Stanford University.

Miss Lillian Williamson, '92, is teaching school at Downey this year with an increase of salary.

OMEGA.

Miss Maude Gernon, '87, is spending the winter in the South.

Miss Belle Flesh, '89, is to be married to Mr. Johnson during the month of December, and will make her future home in Chicago.

Mrs. Carpenter nee Miss Gene Hand, '87, passed Thanksgiving recess in Madison, the guest of her sister, Miss Jessie Hand, '95.

Miss Katherine McDonald, '86, will pass the winter in Madison.

The marriage of Miss Sophie Clawson, '92, and Mr. Eldan Cassoday will be celebrated during the holidays.

PHI.

Miss Leota Woy, whom we hoped to keep with us, has gone to Harris to remain for some time.

Edith Root has arrived, and is taking a special course at the university.

Miss Zena Whiteley, who has been spending the summer and part of the fall in Wyoming, is again at home.

Wilbertine Nesserholde Teters was recently married in Denver, Col., to Mr. Worton (I presume he has a "front" name, but am not familiar with it).

TAU.

Miss Margaret Gleason, '93, is at her home in Englewood, but her industrious little soul is still active, and to satisfy its demands she has entered the Chicago Art Institute.

Miss Julia Crawford, '93, is court-reporting in southern Illinois.

Miss Geneve Horne, Ex-'95, is studying music in Boston.

Miss Mary Alford, Ex-'94, who was at Wellesley last year, is at home in Waterloo. We hope to welcome her among us soon.

Miss Belle Currier, Ex-'96, is at her home in Indepen-

dence. She has been teaching as substitute in the city schools.

Miss Nelle Moore, Ex-'93, passed through Iowa City on her way home from Chicago.

ZETA.

Miss Myrte Drummond Moors, class '93, who is teaching this year at her home in Greenville, spent Saturday and Sunday with us a few weeks ago.

Miss Margaret Ludlow also made us a short visit not long ago.

Miss Esther Kulp, who graduated in 1892, is teaching Latin and German in the Albion High School.

Miss Belle Clark, far away from her home in Williston, Vermont, spent the Thanksgiving recess with Miss Anna Wixom.

The Zeta girls have two new Delta Gamma nephews, of whom they are very proud. They are the small sons of Mrs. Professor Waldo, nee Minnie Strong, and Mrs. Martha Brockway Armstrong.

Miss Cora Mather is now Mrs. Edward Cook, and has gone to California to live.

### **Exchanges.**

The writer has a new Pan-Hellenic idea—and it is time for a new one, for the old ones have been in a state of desuetude for lo, these many months. Anyone who either reads or reviews the exchanges can but be struck with the strong family resemblance among them. There is some variety in size and the color of the covers, and the names on the title-pages are not the same, otherwise their own editors could not tell them apart. Therefore, our suggestion. Life is short, there is much to be done, and several things yet to be learned by the present generation, and if, as it is claimed, it is the college men and women who are going to manage the universe hereafter, it is a pity that so many of these incipient world-movers should be wasting their time and mental energy in editing fraternity journals. Far be it from us to underestimate the value of these publications; too well we know what must be the rare attainments of their editors, patience, to extract literary contributions from an uninspired constituency; ingenuity, to re-write twenty-seven different times the same editorial, in such wise that the readers will not recognize the deception; diplomacy, that one may make the writers of returned-with-thanks manuscripts think it a compliment to have their contributions rejected; orthographical infallibility and a specialist's knowledge of hieroglyphics. The person who possesses these qualifications is one whom we admire and revere. But in devoting talents of so extraordinary a nature to fraternity journalism, we feel that these gifted individuals are confining their talent to too narrow a sphere. There is a way in which this work could be done more economically—by combination of

forces. Why should every fraternity publish a separate journal, when a common one would serve the purpose just as well? Why not appoint a Pan-Hellenic editorial board, and make one journal represent all fraternities? At present the noble army of editors simply duplicate one another's work for the sake of being exclusive. To do away with this host of inferior journals and substitute therefor one large, comprehensive, and permanent publication would be to save time, labor, and money. Then we might have the one journal stereotyped, and issued periodically at a minimum of expense and exertion. In the spirit of a public benefactor, we offer this suggestion for the serious consideration of the exchanges.

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"We shall horrify some of our self-admiring contemporaries in fraternity journalism by expressing the opinion that the sororities' publications are much more vigorous from a mental point of view than are the organs of men's fraternities. This is despite the heaviness which one or two editresses (a timely word here) impart to their publications by having so many long essays prominent in the reading matter. But, as a rule, these repositories of female gray matter have a vital quality, which is entirely lacking in many more ambitious magazines of the class."—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

The above would be very flattering if we could delude ourselves with the idea that the writer believed what he wrote. It is a noteworthy circumstance that our brother editors in commenting upon the sorority journals always deal in generalizations. They seldom specify either virtues or faults. Their praise is unstinted, but meaningless. The editors of the sorority journals are perfectly well aware of the imperfections in their work, and as most of them possess an average supply of intelligence, and are not altogether lacking in critical faculties, they take the indiscriminate praise of their brother-editors for what it is worth. They appreciate the gallant effort the sterner sex make to be amiable, but they scarcely deem it complimentary to be considered too sensitive and childish to endure masculine

criticism of their work. For our own part, we have never seen much difference in the quality of the journalistic work done by the sororities and fraternities; each has ever seemed a little worse than the other to us. The only advantage the women's journals have over the men's is that there usually is less of them, and consequently their perusal is a degree less exhausting.

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*Sigma Alpha Epsilon* knows what she wants, and shows no hesitation about expressing her desires, as witness the following:

"In order that the convention may act most wisely, let each chapter send its best informed members. But a convention that could legislate only would be a miserable failure. We need a convention that will confirm our belief that *ΣΑΕ* is the grandest fraternity in existence. So let each chapter send its biggest hearted, most genial, brotherly members. We need a convention that will confirm the belief of outsiders that we possess the cream of college society, so let each chapter send its best looking members. We need a convention that shall raise waves of enthusiasm mountains high and send them rolling back to our remotest outposts, so let each chapter send its irrepressible, enthusiastic, singing members. We need a convention that shall let the natives know we are in town, so let each chapter send its best yellers."

There certainly is no circumlocution about the above statement, and we think *Sigma Alpha Epsilon* is decidedly courageous to state in terms so plain the qualifications of a convention delegate. But the requirements are many, and it occurs to us that a chapter with the best intentions might experience some difficulty in selecting a delegate who fulfilled all the conditions, for its best informed man might not be its best-looking one, or the most genial and light-hearted man might have weak lungs and be unsuccessful as a "yeller." Such incongruities do happen in this world. We would suggest another plan to *Sigma Alpha Epsilon*. Instead of demanding all these virtues from every delegate, take them in rotation. Tell one chapter to send a handsome man,

another an intellectual delegate, the next an enthusiastic one, and so on until the list is completed. The *tout ensemble* will then be perfect, and a judicious ringleader could so arrange the successful appearance of the variously gifted delegates as to make the effect dramatic and very impressive to outsiders.

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The October *Arrow* is full of good things, practical hints and helpful suggestions for all good *Pi Beta Phi*'s. A readable article under the slightly misleading title of "The Home Life of College Girls," tells of the life the college girls at Ann Arbor and Wellesley lead outside of school hours. Articles upon such subjects are always interesting to undergraduates, who like to keep in touch with the life of all women who are struggling to gain that elusive will-o'-the-wisp, a higher education. These papers are followed by an article entitled "O, tell me What to Read!" which is simply a list of recent books the perusal of which anyone would find profitable and entertaining. Curiously enough the present writer picked out but four titles in the list of forty books, which she, had she been compiling a similar list, would have noted. Possibly this only denotes a difference in literary task, but we fancy that it indicates rather the superabundance of good literature that is easily accessible to everyone in these days.

"For reading new books is like eating new bread,  
One can bear it at first, but by gradual steps, he  
Is brought to death's door of a mental dyspepsy."

From a paper on "Aims in Fraternity," we quote:

"First of all let the fraternity meetings be *alive*; let them be promptly called and when the business of the hour is done, as promptly adjourned. Promptness in business matters is a *sine qua non* of the mauseline world and just as surely of the feminine; only in this way will the details of the fraternity be kept alive, and on a successful business management depends largely the success of any undertaking, be it literary, philanthropic, or financial.

"If in carrying out the intellectual phase of fraternity

life, programs are prepared, let them be carried out briskly, vigorously, brilliantly. A successful woman, be she teacher, society woman, in the broad sense of culture, not frivolity, professional woman, or wife, will be she who has a wider knowledge than is necessary for the actual performance of her duties, for in this way will she keep her sensibilities alert, her mind active and her soul above routine. Therefore in the fraternity meetings, let the programs, if there be any, be planned on subjects outside the college curriculum, the execution of some hobby, if you will, anything to keep alive the spirit of inquiry and investigation."

The second paragraph will have a familiar sound to the readers of ANCHORA, for it urges the cause of broad and symmetrical culture, for which we are always pleading, and reminds us of a paper upon this subject which we have had partially prepared all the fall, and which will be inflicted upon Delta Gamma at an early date, if the required contributions from the chapters are not received punctually three months late. We simply make the statement as a gentle reminder to delinquent associate editors, that "the way of the transgressor is hard."

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The *Scroll* is before us with its customary air of eminent respectability and general prosperity. We always experience some difficulty in reviewing the *Scroll*, because it is so emphatically and exclusively *Phi Delta Theta* in its interests. This of course is "a fault that leans to virtue's side," but it is somewhat trying to the exchange editors to be confronted by so self-centred a publication. In the December number the editor severely scores *Beta Theta Pi*, in an editorial seven pages long, which indicates at least potential pugilism in the *Scroll's* editor. The charges against *Beta Theta Pi* are the usual ones, boastfulness, and an inclination to worship at the shrine of Lucifer, both of which characteristics are not as infrequently found among fraternity people as our spiritual pastors and masters would desire. In this issue the *Scroll* devotes its editorial columns to an extended review of the exchanges, which ordinarily receive but scant attention



from this journal; not we believe from any lack of sympathy with rivals, but because the *Scroll* has plenty of better material with which to fill her pages.

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The editor of the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* evidently is too conscientious to avail himself of his official prerogative, the right to revise, correct and alter the chapter letters. Perhaps this may be as well, as far as the subject matter of letters is concerned, it leaves the impress of individual character upon them, but it is rather desirable that a uniform form be adopted. It may be natural for a correspondent, especially if inexperienced, to begin his letter "Dear Editor" or "Dear Palm," but when embodied in print these expressions certainly have an undesirable appearance of juvenility. The letters in the *Palm* exhibit great variety in address. Those evidently written by trained correspondents have no heading, and are formally signed with the name of the writer; a large number are conspicuously youthful and affectionate, and begin with the above terms of endearment. One particularly gushing young man signs himself "with love for all Alpha Taus." What an awakening lies before that trusting youth! Several respectfully and severely addresses themselves to the "Editor of the *Palm*," and one young man unversed in conventionality, but not lacking in reverence, addresses his letter with eighteenth century amiability and veneration to the "very excellent *Palm*." He, too, closes with ardent love for other chapters, which is rather a strong expression for what must in the nature of things be a very mild emotion. We dislike the custom prevalent in most fraternities of describing the sentiment with which most members regard their order in times of superlative affection. It is not truthful, it is not good taste, and the habit springs from an unworthy desire to foster a false and unnatural sentiment in regard to the fraternity. Loyalty to the order does not demand the exclusive use of the superlative degree; the sentiment fraternity should inspire among members, is one

of hearty good-will, of cordial liking, of sympathetic interest. It is seldom more, it is often less. In a chapter of twelve or fifteen members, it is improbable that all regard one another with "ardent love;" it is an emotional impossibility to regard all the brothers or sisters in the society, whom we have not seen, with that degree of affection. Therefore it is foolish and false, undignified and unnecessary to employ such terms of exaggeration. Nothing is gained by a flamboyant use of the English language.

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The *University Review* for October prints a paper written by Kathryn Jarboe (whoever she may be) ostensibly upon "High Standards in the Education of Women," which is so full of error, ignorance and absurdity, that it is an offense to all college women to allow such misrepresentations to be printed in a reputable magazine. The article opens as follows:

"The annual announcement in the daily press that some venturesome maidens have passed preliminary examinations for Yale, has not produced this year the usual feminine flourish of trumpets and outburst of self-congratulation on the part of the 'women who are crazy about "woman,"' as Helen Watterson so well dominates the class in the September *Forum*. It is becoming generally felt that if the outcry argues anything, it is rather the opposite, an admission of that which is not true, namely, that the standard of women's colleges is lower than that of men's.

Without regarding the great colleges of the West, co-educational almost without exception from Oberlin to Chicago University, women have gradually been admitted to many of the old and conservative Eastern institutions. Harvard Annex offers to women as high an education as Harvard University does to men, and Barnard stands abreast of Columbia. But this is not enough; it is without any feeling of exaltation of sex that the claim is here presented that the standard of education should be even higher in a college for women than in a college for men."

There is enough nonsense in these opening paragraphs to condemn the whole article. In the first place, Miss (or

Mrs., as she prefers) Jarboe does not know how to write ; in the second place, she evidently does not know what she is writing about. We have no wish to decry the standards of women's colleges, but nevertheless, we must take issue with Miss Jarboe when she states that these standards are not lower than those of men's colleges. As advertised perhaps they are not, but as a matter of fact, the standards of neither the Harvard Annex (we believe this institution has recently changed its name to Radcliffe College, however), nor Barnard are as high as those of Harvard and Columbia. Both institutions are merely tolerated by the larger colleges, under the shadows of whose wings they are supposed to be fondly sheltered. Possessing, in their own right, neither the best instructors nor the facilities for laboratory and library work, they may aspire to as high a standard as Harvard and Columbia, but they cannot attain it until they are recognized as equals, and given equal advantages with the men's colleges.

How much claim to consideration has a writer who speaks of the "great colleges of the west, from Oberlin to Chicago," evidently believing that the west ends at the southern extremity of Lake Michigan? Pray, has the writer ever heard of the Universities of Wisconsin, of Iowa, of Minnesota, of Colorado, of Nebraska? Does she know that there are such institutions as Berkeley and Leland Stanford? Apparently not.

The next slander is so gross and so utterly ridiculous that we half believe we humiliate ourselves in noticing it.

"There are a few women who go into professional life, but the percentage is small. The average girl returns to her home and, while she may not at once give up all thought of study, her work, as a rule, is in the line of accomplishments.

When life at the university is over, a man turns at once to business or professional life, and begins the work of the world and the labor and study of his life; he realizes that his efforts at college were merely a beginning, and that if he is going to attain success in the midst of pressing competition, he must give every moment to study. With many, graduation is the real beginning of genuine effort in education; with others, a brilliant college career and high gradua-

ting honors are merely a firm foundation on which to build the structure of life.

A great lawyer or scientist must work constantly, or some other man with more energy and more desire for success will out strip him in the race for the goal, which is either the commendation of his fellow-men or the inner knowledge that he has used his powers for the greatest good of his neighbor.

A woman feels that she has won her way to the highest possible point, that she has received the education given to her by the most advanced minds of the present day, and the chances are ten to one, no, a hundred to one, that she is satisfied. If, as in the case of professional men and women, a girl's education could continue through her daily life after leaving college, it would be a different thing. In that case we would be content with a woman's college having the standard of Wellesley or the Harvard Annex, but, under existing circumstances, this is not enough. Whatever be the view of the ideal position of woman, the fact remains that present conditions militate against the self-completion of an education only just begun at graduation."

What sort of college women, we fain would ask, has it been Miss Jarboe's misfortune to meet? Having been in a position for many years, to meet and observe continually, college women, both old and young, we take the liberty of denying the accuracy of the statement, that "farewell to *alma mater* is usually farewell to further scholarly development." Miss Jarboe entertains a decidedly anti-deluvian idea of the significance of a college course. The college women of to-day count their college course of value inasmuch as it disciplines their minds and trains their faculties to systematic work, that shall not be ended with their departure from *alma mater*, but shall rather be but the beginning of the process of development which shall end only with their lives. What scholarly attainments has the girl graduate? What mental development has the commencement orator? Evidently it would not be difficult to attain Miss Jarboe's ideal of culture.

"Whatever be the view of the ideal position of manner, the fact remains that present conditions militate against the self-completion of an education only just begun at gradua-

tion." It is difficult to see the logical sequence of this sentence, but assuming that it is there, we would inquire what are these mysteriously detrimental conditions? College women who come from wealthy homes, usually have leisure after being graduated to follow their own unrestricted inclinations as regards further study. The temptations of society are not often serious to them, for the girl of seventeen, who gives up social life for the sake of entering college, is not apt to surrender herself to its charms, four or five years later, when her course is completed. The girl who has come from the farm, or whose parents have made great sacrifices, that their daughter may enjoy the advantages of higher education, does not spend four years in hard study, giving up all pleasures and personal indulgences for the time being, in order that her diploma at last received, she may return to the farm, and spend the rest of her life in cooking, washing and ironing. She has nobler aspirations, a higher sense of duty than that. She probably becomes a school-teacher, in which case she has a business demand for further culture. Furthermore she has at least three months of vacation every year, and she does not spend all of that time in reading E. P. Roe's novels. The present conditions are all far more favorable for the intellectual development of women than they are for the post-graduate culture of men.

We will quote one more sentence and then we are done with this inanity.

"At a class reunion in a co-educational college it is an almost unexpected event to have a woman attend, and it is simply because the interest in college life and education has stopped and been put carefully away with the diploma and graduating essay."

No person who is familiar with the life and conditions of co-educational institutions would have made such a statement.

In a co-educational college class reunion, it is extremely rare to see a larger proportion of men than of women present. The duties of men are absorbing, demands upon

their time are multifarious, and however much they may wish to join their old classmates occasionally, they are rarely able to realize the desire. Women usually have regular and prescribed duties, after their performance, of which their time is their own, and they can arrange with reasonable certainty that their plans will materialize to meet at specified times.

We have given too much space to a paper that was not worth noticing, but sometimes it is articles such as this one from which we have quoted that do the most harm. The arrogant ignorance that knows no better than to publicly demonstrate itself, is harmless, although annoying to people who know the truth, but is very misleading to those who are seeking for information. Verily, "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing."

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The *Journal* of Kappa Alpha (the customary reappearance of whose editors, we note), the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, and the *University Review* for December, are still upon our table, but as it is Christmas eve, and late, as we write, we will postpone annihilating them until next March, and to-night will only wish them and all our friends and enemies in Greekdom "A Happy New Year."



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## **Exclusiveness in Fraternities.**

Fraternities, we all know, are the object of adverse criticism from many quarters. From students who are not so fortunate as to belong to them, from parents, and even from members of fraternities themselves, we are wont to hear often and distinctly of the evils attendant on their existence. The governing bodies of some colleges prohibit them altogether, others would be glad to do so if they felt it to be possible, in the face of strong opposition from a large and influential element of the student body.

It behooves us then, who are members of these organizations, not scornfully to refuse to listen to complaint and criticism, but rather to take every opportunity to hear such criticism, to weigh it carefully and try to determine how far it is just, and then to do our best to correct these evils, of which we may often not realize the existence until the matter is brought before us by some outside observer.

One criticism frequently passed upon fraternities, and often with justice, is that they foster a spirit of exclusiveness, and a disposition, too rife even outside of college circles, to break up society into cliques, quite independent of, if not really hostile to, each other. This danger of exclusiveness is one into which members of fraternities are especially liable to run unconsciously. The tie that binds the members of a chapter to each other is of a different sort from that which binds any one of them with any one outside of the chapter, and the girl who enters a fraternity, especially if she becomes a member immediately upon entering college, will

naturally form her strongest friendships within its limits. Nor, if the fraternity be a worthy one, is there anything to be regretted in this. But it a great misfortune for any girl to associate exclusively with one set of girls, no matter how charming and how admirable the girls may be.

"Birds of a feather flock together" always and everywhere, and girls belonging to any one fraternity are generally of much the same type and the same circumstances in life. We have all of us said and heard others say, of some new girl perhaps, not yet fitted into her niche in any fraternity, "Oh, she is just a lovely girl—just like a Delta Gamma." And it is inevitable moreover that girls who are closely associated with each other should grow more and more to look at things from the same point of view, to set up arbitrary standards of judgment according to the experiences of their own narrow circle, and to shut out the rest of the world from their sympathy and interest with an intangible, but no less real barrier of prejudice.

The college life ought to be a means of broadening the sympathies and of increasing one's knowledge of those whose circumstances, experiences and opinions are widely different from one's own. Anyone, therefore, wishing to gain the greatest advantage from the college life, will not confine her acquaintance and her friendships to the circle of her own fraternity, but will aim to associate as freely as possible with those belonging to other fraternities or to no fraternity at all.

I do not say that we should "choose" our friends from this class or from that. Deliberate choice is a poor foundation for a friendship. But we can at least meet others half way, or more than half way if necessary, and not draw back and look with suspicion upon those who do not reach the standard of our own fraternity in every particular, realizing that possibly, while deficient in some respects, they may possess excellent qualities which we have failed to embody in the password to our favor.

One point in this connection in which fraternity girls are apt to be seriously at fault, is in the treatment of girls, who, after having been vigorously "rushed" by the fraternity in

question, have finally decided to join another. It is generally the case that some one or two members of the less forward fraternity, have particularly exerted themselves in bestowing attention upon the newcomer, and have become fairly well acquainted with her during the process. But not infrequently these very girls, when they find their efforts are useless, withdraw into the stronghold of their own fraternity and suddenly drop into a mere bowing acquaintance with her for whom only last week they could not sufficiently show their affection and admiration. Their sudden change of attitude is both insulting to the girl who has been "rushed," and degrading to the "rusher." If they found real enjoyment and advantage in each other's society during the "rushing" period, there is no reason why they should not continue to find it afterward, even though one be a Delta Gamma and one a Kappa. If they did not find enjoyment and advantage in their intimacy, it was worse than a farce.

The increasing popularity of chapter houses, in some colleges at least, gives this subject special importance at present, for the chances of extending one's acquaintance outside of one's own fraternity are, of course, much fewer than when a general boarding house or dormitory brought together girls of many kinds in such a way that acquaintance was inevitable and intimate acquaintance easy. Indeed, while the advantage of chapter-houses are very many, it is almost inevitable that they should tend to narrow the circle of the girls' acquaintance, and increase that feeling of exclusiveness which it should be the aim of every loyal member of a fraternity to do away with as far as possible, thereby not only making the fraternity of greater value to its members, but also taking one weapon at least out of the hands of its enemies.

OMEGA.

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### **The Fraternity Pin.**

When reading a late number of the *ANCHORA*, I was struck with wonder at an article quoted from the *Kcy*. The writer was attempting to explain why fraternity people should not wear their pins, or, at least, why they do not do

so. She talks about "certain college people, more commonly undergraduates, who really do flaunt their college associations most disagreeably, in the faces of innocent persons, who do not enjoy the same advantages." That sounds very dreadful, but is it true? Does not the writer of those words assume a little more than she should do? We Greeks need not plume ourselves that our name and fame have gone forth to such an extent that the mere sight of a pin will at once suggest a college man or woman. There are people, "innocent persons," I grant, who do not know the difference between the shield of Phi Kappa Psi and the modest badge of the Farmers' Alliance. How, pray, can we think that such good people are affronted if their neighbors wear emblems of any kind whatever? Ten to one, people, though knowing of various organizations, do not take the trouble to ask about them. Nor does the average college man carry with him into the business world all the petty struggles and triumphs of his college days, though he may faithfully wear his fraternity pin.

But there is another matter of special application to us fraternity women. Why should we not wear pins? I feel sure that, of the fraternity women that graduate from their *alma mater*, at least one-half possess fraternity pins of their own. Now if, in the hurry and the worry of life, it becomes more difficult for a busy woman to put on some particular pin than to take one that is less significant, why must it remain neglected upon her cushion? I cannot, however, see why she could not remember it, unless—which may heaven forbid!—she becomes so careless of her person that she never wears any but those that come at the rate of five cents a roll. I would, however, suggest a course for the friends who are so busy or who have the deep theory that the people at large regard a fraternity pin in the light of a menace. One of the joys of an undergraduate girl, and especially a "new" girl, is to be, upon all occasions, the wearer of a pin. Dear friends, if you do not care that anyone should know of your college affiliations, lend your pins for the chief and particular use of the new girls in the chapter for which you once labored and in which you once

rejoiced. Be generous, since you can be so. I do not say "give," for that were too hard a word, — but "lend." And yet, after all, I trust that no Delta Gamma, confronted with this alternative, would stop to think. May she find that she likes the little bauble after all, and is glad to have a constant reminder of those happy days of her life.

I hope that none of us may deem our pins among the "childish things" to be put away, but may we always have in mind the true signification. Do not think that I advocate "display." I believe that no true, refined woman will display a fraternity pin any sooner than she would boast of her income or of the fact that she lived on a certain street. I most certainly believe that the honor of a fraternity comes from the noble living of its members, but I do not believe that women need to conceal the fact that they belong to such an organization any more than that they are members of a missionary society. Pray, do not think that I mistake the shadow for the substance. May we ever remember the days when we were safe under the protection of our *alma mater*; but above all, may we learn to lead the truest and the purest and the highest life.

KAPPA.

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### **Initiation into Delta Gamma.**

Before I have taken a dozen steps (upward or downward?) I am lost in darkness; the steps are hollow and sloping and slippery, they seem to have been waxed. With difficulty I retain my footing. I count the steps, seventy-eight and over; I have lost track of the number and stumble giddily onward. I am conscious of openings from time to time — openings to what? I do not know. A damp air exhales from them, and the air is cold upon my face as I pass them. At last a dim red light above; with the next turn a blinding glare of light, then utter darkness. There comes a prodigious rattling and grinding from above, then a jangling of bells. A sound of thunder, accompanied by a vivid flash of lightning, filled the air, even as the first notes of the bells

reached my ears. The music clashed about me with a deafening din, to the accompaniment of the thunder. The place is filled with shrieks and hollow groans. It is grandly terrible. A creepy, shivery feeling runs up and down my spine; a fear of which I am ashamed takes possession of me. I wonder vaguely if, when I do not return to earth, a search will be made for my bones, and think how my friends and companions will speak in whispers of my strange, mysterious disappearance, how — Hark! what was that? A giggle? Yes, unmistakably, a feminine giggle. The gods be thanked! I am saved!

PHI.

## **Editorials.**

The best of all days in our fraternity calendar is the Ides of March. It is an ill-wind that blows nobody any good, hence, although this date once upon a time, proved rather an unfortunate one for the late lamented Cæsar, it is attended with no fatal omens for Delta Gamma. For her it is the high festival of the year. The one day upon which the secretary turns to the first page of the chapter roll, and pauses to hear the answer "present," from the stately matrons, who years ago, signed their names in the little book as charter members of the chapter. The list of names covers many pages now, and it is a long time ere the secretary completes her task by reading the name of the last freshman who was received within the fold. Often is she interrupted by reminiscences of the old days, which the name of some absent friend recalls, by anecdotes of college fun and mischief of one or two decades ago, of which her contemporaries accuse the most dignified woman in the room of having been the heroine, by tender regrets, gently spoken, when the names of those who will never meet with us on earth again, are read. But at last, when the roll call is over, the college girls and the alumnæ feel that somehow the years between them have been swept away, that Delta Gamma means sympathy, affection and friendship, even from generation to generation. It is good for the active chapter and the alumnæ to meet in this way once a year. To the former it is an inspiration to see that Delta Gamma is dear enough to busy housekeepers and sober school teachers to make them come long distances to be with the old and new friends upon Reunion Day; to the latter to be with old college friends once more is a delight that none but alumnæ can know; to feel that the young girls, whom probably they have never seen before, have planned this meeting



for weeks and rejoice to have the old girls with them, is a pleasure to be remembered for the first six months after the reunion, and anticipated for the rest of the year.

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The recent transformation of the Harvard Annex into Radcliffe college is an event of sufficient interest and importance to be mentioned even in ANCHORA. Although the fact and its causes and anticipated consequences have long since become familiar to the college world, we yet feel justified in discussing the subject once more, as it belongs to that order of events over which progressive women deem it a public duty to remain in a state of uninterrupted and ecstatic enthusiasm. However, it is not because the writer is a progressive woman that she discusses the subject. She is quite the reverse and therefore finds it difficult at times to maintain this approved attitude of mind in a creditable manner. Not that she does not sympathize with the advancement of Radcliffe college. After having stood so long looking through the pickets at Harvard college, it is quite a triumph for that institution to have gotten one foot over the university's threshold. The part we dislike about the matter is that it should be regarded as such an unspeakable honor by men and women alike, for the Annex girls to be admitted to equal privileges with Harvard men. We consider that the honor is attached to the other party, if it is a question of glory at all. It is Harvard who should be congratulated upon at last showing signs of being able to keep up with the times in educational improvements. We should prefer moreover, that these changes be made in a more natural and matter-of-course manner. Society does not pat a man upon the head because he performs an act of justice, neither does it call before the curtain the one who has simply received his due; why then should it not be equally reasonable in regard to the affairs of educational institutions? We are weary of hearing women loudly proclaim their equality with

men, and then servilely turn and fawn upon the authority that grants them their so-called "rights." If women have unswerving faith in their intellectual capacity, that is all that is necessary; their abilities will demonstrate themselves and nothing need be said about them. If, as a matter-of-fact, they doubt their own powers, and are only making a loud noise in order to postpone the discovery that "the defect in their heads is just absence of mind," the sooner they learn to keep still, the better. The writer believes in women so thoroughly, in their intelligence, their perseverance, their true womanliness, believes in them so unreservedly that it is painful to her to see them humble themselves so abjectly when accepting the tardy favors which men see fit to bestow. To our mind it seems about time that our brothers were reminded that in the first recorded discussion upon the subject of higher education, mankind played a very ignominious part. No man who accepts a certain familiar story, related in the third chapter of Genesis, has any right to express his opinion upon the subject of education, in the presence of a woman. What would be the intellectual development of the race, if Eve had been as stupid and unprogressive as was her husband? Did Adam care anything about the fruit of the tree of knowledge? He had to be urged to take even the first small taste of learning, and apparently repented of having even done that much, later. History thus makes it evident that man had very little to do with the beginning of the educational movement, and although he has played a more or less conspicuous part in its development, he certainly can never get around the fact that he owes all he knows to a woman. And in view of this undisputed proof of her superiority, woman humiliates herself by deigning to seriously discuss the question of her education with man. It is rather late in the day for men to dictate to women in this matter. They should have begun several thousand years ago.

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As we read the chapter letters we note that they indicate an increasing tendency in Delta Gamma to devote more

and more time to social intercourse and less to formal programs in the chapter meetings. In saying that we are heartily glad of this we know that we challenge the disapproval of many serious minded people. This we regret, but nevertheless we must confess that we have little sympathy with the class of people who regard all social graces and accomplishments as frivolous and without value. We hope that the girls of Delta Gamma will learn something more in their college course than the principles of mathematics and logic, that they will come to the realization that the mere knowledge of facts and power of thought does not constitute the highest culture. Of course these things are of fundamental importance; in pleading for accomplishments we are not underestimating better things, but only trying to show that peaches are better with the bloom upon them. For the polish that is simply veneering over the cheap materials one cares nothing, but that which gains in lustre with daily use, because the wood beneath is firm fibred and true to the core, one values. The uncut diamond is only treasured for its potential brilliancy, the light that burns within its heart is useless before the careful lapidary has cut and ground and polished the little stone until each tiny facet sends a gleam of light into the world. Thus it is with education; even a strong character and a well-trained intellect need the external polish of social grace to complete their development into beauty as well as usefulness. The æsthetic side of life has its value and time is not wasted in its cultivation. The fact that a woman possesses a gentle voice, a gracious manner, ease in conversation, and taste in dress does not argue that she is wedded to frivolity and worldliness. There is vanity of various kinds, and the girl who considers herself superior to the need of social accomplishments often manifests that quality in its most obnoxious form. It is good for the girls to study astronomy, to understand Browning (if the human being lives who can), and to be versed in political science, but it is good also for them to have the lesser virtues of gentle manners and social tact, and chapter meetings ought to furnish a good occasion for

their cultivation. College girls are apt to think that there can be no compromise between strength of mind and grace of manner, that a woman cannot be both well-dressed and intellectual, which are very erroneous impressions. We are not advocating the cause of society to the exclusion of higher things; we do not consider it desirable that college girls spend any appreciable amount of time in studying fashionable fads. We would simply urge all members of Delta Gamma to seek, not development in one direction alone, but in all directions, intellectual, artistic, moral, and social. As college duties absorb so large a proportion of the students' time, they have little time to mingle with the outside world, and fraternity meetings naturally come to constitute in great degree, the social recreation of their members. Then why not make them helpful as well as enjoyable, by using them as a means to cultivate the lesser virtues of good manners and social ease?

## Chapter Letters.

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ALPHA; MOUNT UNION COLLEGE.

Unpleasant thoughts come thickest and assume most monstrous shapes at night—so thought I as I longed for "Nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep," and comforted my drowsy conscience, murmuring, "March is a *long* way off, and anyway a gentle reminder will come from Miss Firkins in time to write half a dozen letters." Presentiments are not always to be trusted, but the next morning the inevitable postal arrived. When I read thereon the parenthetical plea for "something unusual, if possible," I wished I could send ten advertisements and literary productions that would—be worth printing. Alas, how ignominiously do we sometimes fall from our high intentions! I must content myself with the ordinary chapter letter. At all events it will be a record of good times.

The State Oratorical Contest comes first and foremost. There are ten colleges in Ohio that belong to the association, and this time it was our turn to entertain. Alpha invited Eta to visit her at the time of the contest and eight of the girls responded. We were very much pleased to entertain also Miss Smith, and one of the Kappa girls, both from Buchtel. Of course you wish to know who the girls were—at least those of you who attended the last convention. They make quite a list: the Misses McGillicuddy, Landenbach, West, Cheshire, Druly, Alexander, Brophy and Harpham. A few of us went to the train to meet the girls and conduct them to their destination with the aid of street cars and sleighs. "All day the hoary meteor fell," and the air was crisp and cold, yet in the afternoon these maidens met together at the home of the writer and her sister for an informal good time. It is to be taken for granted that so large a crowd of Delta Gammas could not come together without making themselves known in some way. This we did literally. We sat in a circle, most of the girls choosing the floor, in preference to seats perhaps more proper, but not nearly so conducive to

sociability, and gave our undivided attention to the creation of a yell—a real yell—for Delta Gamma. But I'll speak of that later. The time passed rapidly, and was well filled in becoming better acquainted. Shortly after the serving of refreshments the girls departed, in time to prepare for the contest. A detailed account is impossible, but two features must be noticed. The orator from Buchtel was one of our own fraternity, Miss Lulu Parker, and she did her part gracefully and well, holding the closest attention of her audience. We were glad to make it known that she was a Delta Gamma, though of course she could not be with us as were the other girls. When, after treating the audience to college yells, the boys gave vent to fraternity spirit by a similar mode of expression, we summoned our courage and cleared our throats and gave the result of the afternoon's effort. We were quite well satisfied that it was a success, and even the "lords of creation" acknowledged that it was "really well done." Some of the girls took the train the same night and others remained till Friday. This is only one of the pleasant times spent with Eta. At the close of the Christmas vacation we were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Laura Jester, who had returned for the holidays. The girls and their gentlemen friends were present, and the time was spent in playing games, and in "jest and youthful jollity," dainty refreshments forming a pleasant diversion. We have had some additions to our hall—one, a picture given us by Rose Tolerton. And there is an addition to our chapter, too—Miss Elizabeth Hillis, whom we are glad to introduce. We are now preparing for the all-important Re-union, to us one of the best parts of fraternity life.

HARRIET P. MARSH.

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DELTA; UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

To all wearers of the anchor Delta sends greeting.

All of our girls are so busy with college work that we have scarcely had a chance to stop and think of gaiety this term. However there have been a few breaks in the monotonous routine of school work since our last ANCHORA arrived. One of our dear girls, whom we had hoped to see wearing the anchor soon, has left her maiden home for a life-long membership in another kind of fraternity. I speak of Miss Jessie Garton, who was married last month to Mr.

John Farmer. All the Deltas assisted at the wedding, which was at high noon, and a beautiful wedding it was, too.

Not long since the young men of the academy gave a most delightful party to the academic girls at Music Hall, and they invited the active members of Delta Gamma to help them entertain their lady friends. We, of course, felt quite honored by the invitation, and did our best to make the evening a successful one. The college boys besides stealing ice-cream declared that they were going to invite academic girls to their next party. But nevertheless I think the college girls got the majority of the invitations to the sophomore reception, so we forgave them freely.

I think it is a charming plan suggested by Kappa chapter in the November ANCHORA of having the meetings divided up, and I wish more of the chapters could follow it.

At the Christmas vacation we had the pleasure of meeting Miss Ruth Harris of Lambda, who was visiting Louise Montgomery at Pasadena. We had them come over for an afternoon to meet all of Delta's active girls. None of them had seen Miss Harris before, but all fell very much in love with her. We do not often meet  $\Delta \Gamma$ 's from the East, and are always anxious to do so.

Thursday of last week, being a holiday, witnessed the inter-collegiate field sports at the athletic park. The girls were out as usual, wearing scarlet for the U. S. C. boys, who only succeeded in winning one medal after all, but of course we are all thankful for one. We are looking forward to the next coming of the ANCHORA, and hope all  $\Delta \Gamma$ 's are as loyal as the western chapter who sends love to them each and every one.

FRANCES WHITLOCK.

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ZETA; ALBION COLLEGE.

We have three new sisters to introduce to you this time. Leila Scofield, whom we pledged a year ago, and Mary Elder, whose answer we were awaiting when we wrote last, were duly presented to the goat of Delta Gamma on Friday night, Jan. 19th. On Saturday afternoon the vows were given and Ida Van Slyke pledged, after which a dainty tea was served to which the pledged members were invited.

We have had several gay times at the hall. At one Miss Conine, a friend of Adelaide Siddall, was present and we feasted on marshmallows, molasses candy, and a dishpan of popcorn, and "pure and sparkling" water.

At another time, Miss Houghtaling, an old Delta Gamma girl, was with us, and together we called up old times. On one Saturday evening we were entertained by Martha Brockway Armstrong, and, as we always do, had an enjoyable time, and again last Saturday we spent a pleasant evening with Helen Davis.

We are sorry to say that on account of ill health Laila Hicks, a pledged member, has been obliged to seek a warmer climate. She has gone with her mother to Santa Fe where we hope she will soon recover. She left us a note bidding us good-bye and inclosed a generous supply of where-with-all with which we purchased a lounge and screen to decorate our hall.

We are all working so hard that we fully expect a "rush of brains to the head," which, of course, brings name and fame to Delta Gamma.

The 17th of this month we celebrate our reunion day and are expecting a glorious time, some of the old girls are coming back and we plan a feast of good things and a flow of nonsense.

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GRACE COGSHALL.

ETA; BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Let me see, what have I to tell the ANCHORA this time? Not much, I fear, that is new or interesting to the dear soul, but I suppose she has a sympathetic ear for all her friends, even if some of them are uninteresting. In the first place, I have something on my mind, and want to get it off as soon as possible, so I beg of each and every Delta Gamma to make a note of my earnest prayer that she will, on her marriage, send a notice of the same to her chapter, send reports of all new babies, and when on her death bed, let her last words be, "Send a notice to *ΔΓ* immediately." I wonder if it is as hard for all of you to find out the details of these things, as it is for me. Perhaps I'm a little more stupid than need be, but when some one sends me word of a new baby, how am I to find out name, date, etc.? Of course I can write and inquire, but even then there is no certainty of finding out what I want to know. Dear me, my good friend frowns and says in a mild way, "Don't preach, please, it isn't pleasant." I didn't mean to then, and won't do it again, but have just been trying to write personals and felt that I must free my mind on the subject. Now, what have we done? Oh, yes, right after Christmas we had our hall



papery and the floor polished, and moved in, so now we have plenty of room to air our ideas (when we have any).

By-the-way we are one more than we were last term; one of our wanderers has strayed back. Katherine Langhead, a sophomore, who left us four years ago, came back at Christmas and began her work where she dropped it so long ago. Dear me, here I am telling you about a girl coming back last Christmas, when it is Spring now, and is such beautiful weather that I am sure there is a mistake somewhere in the calendar, and have begun to think what I shall do on the fourth of July. Carrie Cannon, a former member of the present junior class, made us a visit last week. We were very glad to have her with us and to learn that her health is somewhat better.

We are feeling quite proud of Maude Newbury, our sophomore, who took first place in the sophomore Ashton prize contest. Of course we don't tell her so, and ANCHORA mustn't, but we always feel proud of our girls when they do well. We had a celebration in the hall the night after the contest, when Maude gave us a delightful spread. Lulu Parker, a junior, took first place in the local oratorical contest and fifth in the state. The state contest was held at Mt. Union College, Alpha's home, so they invited us all down there. We went, ten of us, and had just a splendid time. The Alpha girls gave us a reception in the afternoon before the contest and while there we made up a yell to be used if we had an opportunity. We had one and made good use of it, too. Here is the yell:

"D. G.,"  
Zip, boom, bah,  
Delta Gamma, Delta Gamma,  
Rah! Rah! Rah!

We initiated our two freshmen, Theresa Alexander and Margaretta Cheshire, Saturday night. You remember I told you that we were going to try to restrain our savage beast somewhat. Well, we did, and I must say we were fairly successful, but what do you suppose there is in the appearance of a guileless freshman that rouses the ire of the goat? Well, perhaps, it's just as well to let him have it out with the freshman, for if he could not do that, he might turn and rend the more dignified personages who feed him his daily supply of hairpins.

The next thing on the program is Reunion day, the 15th of March. Then we will have a birthday party in the hall with

all the old girls who are in town, and letters from those who are not.

Oh, yes, I must tell you that we have adopted a new plan for "frat" meeting. We are to have a short business meeting every two weeks, and on the odd weeks are to have a social meeting from half-past four to half-past six or seven, with tea in the hall. We are expecting to have some very cozy, delightful times, and are anxiously waiting to see how they turn out.

I wish I had something pleasant to tell you, but try as we may, we can't be interesting, when we are not so naturally.

ELIZABETH M. BROPHY.

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KAPPA ; UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Ye event has come and gone ! Charter day, junior hop, Greek and Latin plays, are ghosts of the past that conjure up a troop of happy recollections; and now once again we are translating Greek with all the old time routine. Yet our work will be lightened by many a memory of our day's holiday.

Our dear old university, which now ranks in size, equipment and scholarship among the three chief colleges of the West, and which with its campus challenges esteem, has been celebrating its quarter centenary in the past few days. To say that the celebration was a success, would but feebly describe this gala time. Beginning with the departmental receptions, to which guests, from college men to governor, and student to newsboy, flocked, until the last strain at the junior hop, or last spark of oratory at the alumnæ dinner, success was to the scarlet and cream.

The event of events was the annual addresss, upon "The Western University," by Professor George E. Howard, an alumnus, now occupying the chair of American history in Leland Stanford, Jr., University.

The *New York Tribune*, in a flattering article, discourses upon a Greek play in the "Far West upon the banks of the Platte"; here we shall not enter into a discussion upon the physical geography of Nebraska, nor the spot upon the globe where Lincoln stands, but we may say these Greek and Latin plays of the "Antigone," of Sophocles, and the "Captive," of Plautus, given by the classical students, assisted by the glee, banjo and mandolin clubs, were the most

popular of the festivities. It all ended with the hop and banquet, made brilliant by the wit and wisdom of our chancellor, President Slocum, and President Gates, and numberless other after dinner speakers. Although at Lincoln "we have co-education," no woman president or speaker graced our feast; but in the glorious day now coming, this state of things may be reversed. The man will not be missed. We have had our day of days; and we are swelling with pride over our achievements, equally brilliant and substantial, which the anniversary commemorates.

On the evening of charter day, the Delta Gammas, realizing that, of all contrivances, the reception is the most ingenious in this agreeable world, were at home with Miss Webster. Guests to the number of four hundred came, and without flinching, we may say the noise which greeted the ear was truly "unlike the deep continuous roar in the streets, unlike the hum of millions of seventeen-year old locusts, lacked the musical quality of the spring conventions of blackbirds, could not be compared to the vociferations of a lunatic asylum," but was the noise simply of our higher civilization. The parlors, nooks and corners were gorgeous with scarlet and white, while the supper room was resplendent with bronze, pink, and blue.

February seems to be an all-eventful month for us. Beside the centenary, George Washington, and some Delta Gamma birthdays, two guileless freshmen, Georgie Camp and Sadie Burnham, are among our latest acquisitions. Do not think we are giddy; but after the withering rebuke of the photographer, who, despite our gorgeous apparel, said we were "the homeliest girls he ever seen," we all feel that Georgie and Sadie will greatly enhance our fraternity picture.

Just now we are quietly planning a 5 o'clock tea at Miss Schwab's home for Mrs. Mabel Tarr Boyd, of Zeta, who comes to speak to the working girls' club, February 28.

We yet continue our parlor lecture course, and on Friday Mrs. Sawyer talks to the girls and their friends upon the "Higher Education of Woman," at Mrs. Sewell's home.

Our Nebraska this winter is "Our Italy." Old Probabilis still smiles; may the skies smile as sweetly on all our anchored girls.

MARTHA HUTCHISON.

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LAMBDA; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Football is a thing of the past, baseball a thing of the future, yet the University of Minnesota is not dead nor yet

sleeping; for the University of Wisconsin, so badly defeated at our ball park last fall, have sent us a challenge to an intellectual tussle from which they expect to come off victorious, and surely the odds are on their side, for have they not chosen the subject for debate, and is it not an economic one in which their political science professor is particularly interested. And have they not for several years past been training themselves in debating, even to the exclusion of other literary work? But our men are at work and we may bear off the palm as well as the pennant, who knows?

Our president is in New Mexico but we are still at work. The latest from our faculty was a resolution to abolish all class or term marks, the only record of the students' work to be a *failed, conditioned or passed* and an occasional *passed "cum laude."* This ruling has not yet gone into effect as it must receive the approval of the Board of Regents first, but should it receive this, it undoubtedly will that of the general student body also. By the way—maybe you do not care to hear about the different universities and their workings, but since I especially enjoy that part of a college or fraternity paper, it naturally slipped into my letter. Personally I should like a much larger share of it in our chapter letters than now appears.

Lambda's number has been increased by one since last she wrote and now is introduced to Delta Gamma world her latest, her baby, little Beth Burt, '97. We've wanted her since September but only recently fastened her securely with our rope and anchor. Alice Jones and Julia Murray of Sigma, will recognize the name, or would if I had said Bessie Burt. But we have one Bessie already and so we re-christened our Bessie Louise, Beth.

Washington's birthday what a good time we had! Many of our alumnæ, Margaret Thompson of Sigma, and all our active chapter, numbering about thirty in all, gathered at Gratia Countryman's at about 11 a. m. and staid 'til 4 p. m. Five of the girls were dressed in old fashioned costumes including hair a la Elizabeth Barrett Browning and one genuine old snuff box (filled with pepper). The luncheon was delicious, the costumes were undeniably old and you may imagine the rest. Suffice it to say that the proverbial characteristic of woman was not demonstrated untrue.

We are again experiencing difficulty in securing acquiescence to an inter-fraternity contract. It will be remembered, that last year four of the five sororities here pledged themselves not to invite girls to join their societies before they had registered at the University. The fifth fraternity this

year again refuses to join in the contract, which, however, bids fair to be signed by five sororities nevertheless. Last Saturday nine girls, two being graduates, two pharmacy and five sophomore academic, were initiated into Tri Delta, thus establishing a chapter of that order here. The sorority was kindly received, as we all feel that there was, and still is room here for more fraternities than we have.

Great plans are being made for Reunion day and in next ANCHORA we will tell you all about it.

I almost forgot to say that at our Gopher election (Gopher, meaning here, the annual of the junior class and not the native rodent of the state) one of our girls, Grace Tennant, was elected to a position on the board of editors. Of the thirteen members, one is a Delta Gamma, one an Alpha Phi, two barb girls, one a Phi Gamma Delta, one a Chi Psi, one a Delta Tau, one a Psi U, one a Delta U and four, barb boys. Are not class politics awful, especially with fraternities mixed in? Delta Gamma has persistently kept out of "combines" and since Grace was elected without our pledged support for the ticket she ran on, we feel she won because of her fitness for the place.

But now I'll truly stop.

AVIS WINCHELL GRANT.

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#### XI; UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

We are home again and I think we little knew what "home" was to us, until we found ourselves cast on the world and our "Delta Gamma" lodge confronting the chance passer with its signal of warning. We were in the power of physicians and health officers and one of our household, Miss Lucie Seeley, the victim of a fever. Our greatest regret, however, was caused by the fact that we could not be with her in her illness and the sorrow that came to her. Sympathy we could not express in a material way, but surely there is a silent current that flows from heart to heart, bearing its sweet comfort. It was well to leave our house for a little while, as it proved to us the kindness of outside friends, and also by the loss of a *socialistic* center, the need we have of such a center.

I must not forget that we have not as yet introduced to our ANCHORA, Xi's initiates—a rather late presentation, yet that which comes last is the fairest of all. At our initiation banquet, held the first week after the holiday recess, we proudly displayed six rather crumpled victims of the Gre-

cian goat. Dr. Frances Bishop now carries the anchor into scientific fields, the Misses Mabel Colton, '95, Helen Allen, '96, Sarah Brown, '97, Agnes Burton, '97 and Belle Krolik, '97, carry it into the field of letters. You will see that we number among our initiated several higher class girls, which has been done with so happy a result for the fraternity that we are agitating the advisability of waiting until the sophomore year before giving invitations of membership in the sorosis. If this plan could be adopted generally, would it not do away with many objections which we encounter in our present plan?

We have been most pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Nancreed, one of Xi's honorary ladies; she tested our book lore well, for we found ourselves at a library party or rather a curiosity shop, to which each contributed his morceau. Mrs. Thomas opened her house to us, and gave a blind art party; the productions of some guests might have graced the walls of a Paris salon, while others rivaled the riddle of the sphinx.

A letter from Miss Anna Bayer, now at the University of Wein, gave us charming sketches of galleries, Wagnerian opera, and the Burg theater. She was heartily welcomed as the first woman to enter the department of "Philologie" at the university, and we justly feel not a little pride in this invasion of old party conservatism by our free born American sister.

We regret to write of the death of Mrs. John F. Seeley of Caro, Mich., which occurred in Ann Arbor, Feb. 16th. Miss Lucy Seeley has returned to her home, where she will remain for the rest of the year.

FLORENCE GALE BARNES.

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SIGMA; NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

We have many things to tell about in this number. First, we initiated two very dear girls—Jennie Tilt, about the last of November at the home of one of the girls, six miles from college. The participants enjoyed themselves hugely, as for the victim she thought she was going to a spread until the last moment, and her surprise can be imagined when she first began to suspect what was going on. Florence Dyer, who came to us from Baltimore, and who pledged very soon, thanks, no doubt, to her previous rushing there, was initiated Feb. 9, at 4 a. m. Realizing that this would probably be the

last one of the year, we wanted to make it as impressive as possible. Accordingly at the hour mentioned, she was awakened and left alone to prepare herself for the ordeal by the dim light of a candle. It was pouring without, but we cared little for such a trifle, and proceeded with the initiation, returning to Frat hall in time for a very tempting breakfast.

Our annual reception was given Feb. 2, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurbert, and proved a great success. The table, which was decorated in pink, was presided over by Beth Pegram and Anna Smith.

The girls at Northwestern had a most enjoyable time at "Pan Hall" which was held Feb. 24. The entertainment consisted of a farce given by the elocution girls, and witnessed by figures dressed as phantoms. After slight refreshments, the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

A new institution has appeared at Evanston, that is the Coffee Club. The object of this club is to revive the art of conversation and to promote greater sociability among *all* the students. The members meet once a fortnight at the Evanston restaurant and are assigned seats in such a manner that no two people are together two evenings in succession. The refreshments consisted of a cup of coffee and some wafers, no more and no less, and one of the most important points is that anyone speaking of the weather, professors or of college affairs is fined five cents to the person detecting. Every one is requested to read some standard author at least two hours during the time between meetings and to be able to report the best sentiment or thought which he has found in the book. The meetings have been a grant success, and the membership of the club is fast increasing. We earnestly recommend the plan to other colleges and hope it will prove as successful as here at N. W. U.

ELIZABETH KENDALL.

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TAU; UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Everybody around the university wears an expectant air these days, for we are all waiting for good news from Des Moines. We think the legislature is going to treat us well this year and we even hope for the Special Tax. You know we have to go begging the law-makers every two years for the wherewithal to live and poor living we get sometimes, but for all that we are "out-growing our clothes." Over a thousand students and more coming.

Spring is coming. We did not learn this from a poem, nor have the "robins come again," but the programs for the spring term are out and how the faces lengthen at the short announcement, "Prof. Patrick will be absent during this term." Prof. Patrick holds the chair of Philosophy and his work is very popular. He will spend the summer abroad, studying most of the time at Leipsic.

The speakers for the oratorical contest have been announced, and for the second time in the history of S. U. I., a girl has taken a place. Not that girls fall behind in oratorical ability, but they do not often care to enter the lists. Our best wishes are with our fair representative, Miss Kelso, and we may astonish the Northern League by sending her to Ann Arbor.

There has been an unusual impetus in fraternity circles this year. A chapter of Theta Nu Epsilon has been established, and, in the Law School, McLain chapter of Phi Delta Phi is already a strong power. Last, but not least, a chapter of Sigma Nu has organized with a membership of twenty. Sigma Nu is the eleventh fraternity to establish itself at S. U. I.

We miss Mrs. May Montgomery from our circle very much. Not daring to brave an Iowa winter she went south at Christmas time. We hope she will come back to us for the spring term.

The last of February, Miss Margaret Gleason, '93, from Englewood, Ill., spent a few days with S. U. I. friends. Delta Gamma girls would like to keep her here; it is hard to let any one go, especially one who has been for four years a loyal member.

Helen Cox, from Chicago, paid us a flying visit the last of January.

We have a new sister to introduce to you. Miss Gertrude Fairchild, of Clinton, Iowa, enters the university a sophomore; her first year's work was done at I. A. C., Ames. She is remarkable for greatness of heart, rather than greatness of stature, but you know it is quality we seek, and our "baby" is not lacking in Delta Gamma requirements.

Three of our girls, Miss Blanchard, Miss Larrabee, and Miss Alford, spent a week in Des Moines recently, and attended Governor Jackson's last reception.

Our anniversary day is near at hand. We are planning to gather in our scattered members and make it a day worth remembering. We hope to have letters from all that cannot be present in person while those that gather 'round the Delta Gamma board will count up their blessings, and in spirit rejoice with their sisters near and far.



This is not a want column, but we have a request to make or rather a question to ask. Where do you get your Delta Gamma stationery? We do not like the samples Dreka sends us, and yet we have seen designs that we admire very much. We would be glad to know of any other house from which we may order.

Hawkeye, Vol. IV., is just from the press, a weighty little volume bound in dark green and gold. It is quite different from the annuals that have preceded it, and we think the change is for the better and the junior class is to be congratulated. Why would it not be interesting at least for chapters to exchange junior annuals?

Now for daisies and buttercups, examinations, and the spring fever!

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MARY C. HOLT.

PHI ; UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

I was almost tempted to let this letter go by, excusing myself with the thought that there is so little to write about; but remembering a saying which I read or heard somewhere to the effect that "a man who won't live in the country because there is so little going on, has a place in his head where there is still less going on," I concluded that a college girl must have something to say for herself, unless she be a very shy, reticent maiden, which I am very sure that I am not, or an exceedingly brainless creature, which I trust I am not.

The most wildly exciting event of the season was the annual oratorical association, held at Boulder, Colorado, the 16th of February. Before the eventful day had arrived, we were all in a flutter of nervous excitement, for to entertain and feed a large party of visitors, and to try to produce the lasting impression upon their minds that the equal of our college and students never has been nor ever shall be, is no mean task. Now that it is all over, we look back upon it with a great deal of pleasure, and feel that we are justly proud. We came out second best, but that is a great deal better than not coming out at all. Judges are such uncertain sort of creatures, you can't place much dependence upon them, and while they deemed it just to decide otherwise, we feel that our contestants deserved the first and second places, and have given them the same in our own minds.

We are all looking forward to Reunion day, anticipating

such a fine time; how fine, only one who enjoys the enviable lot of being a Delta Gamma sister can realize.

Phi has been making great plans for a chapter house next year, but as yet it exists only as a "castle in Spain." Perhaps were we more modest in our demands, and should we seek a place more like the humble dwelling of man and less like an enchanted castle of a fairy princess, our dreams would be less futile and nearer the point of realization.

By the way, did our Delta Gamma sisters notice how remarkably good the ANCHORA's last issue was? Phi, in general, and every member of Phi in particular, noticed it, and commented upon the good editorials, the better chapter letters (at which the stern face of the associate editor relaxed into an unwonted smile), and the best exchanges.

JENNIE FRANCES WISE.

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CHI; UNIVERSITY OF CORNELL.

In her letter of this month it is Chi's privilege to present to you her four new Delta Gammas who are not yet quite two months old. First you must know our one student in the law school, Mae Colgrove, to whom, as an incipient lawyer, we are learning to bring even so soon all Chi's knotty problems. Next let me present Genevieve Jarvis, better known as "Dollie," a student in literature whose pretty bright eyes never fail to win an answering smile from each one of us. You surely know our freshmen, the Misses Ruth Nelson and Carrie Lawrence, for not to know them would argue yourself unknown. Could you see them at present, you would see secrets sticking out of their very eyes, for the freshmen are slyly preparing for their banquet which, of course, no one must even suspect. Both Ruth and Carrie are vigilantly chaperoned. Ruth has a sister who has attained to the dignity of a junior and who exercises her authority with evident pleasure, but in spite of sister's frown our Baby Ruth will go to military balls. Carrie is carefully guarded by her cousin, a bold, bad Sophomore, and all the more carefully as the time for the banquet approaches, but at the critical moment we may trust her to elude the impertinent "Soph." This completes the quartet and as soon as the novelty of our new acquisition had worn off to both pursuers and pursued we gave our long talked of reception. Like most other receptions, there was the first hour devoted to

becoming generally acquainted and to "May I have this dance?" and to "I am so sorry our dance orders do not match." Then following were the three hours or more of dancing, and by no means to be disregarded were the many hours beforehand devoted to the necessary preparations for such a party. Since that time we have been strictly keeping Lent, not going out much but having a very happy time among ourselves. The day is fast approaching when we must lose our six seniors and we who are now juniors must assume the guidance of the "ship of state." In the four short months left us to be together, we are planning to crowd into the busy routine many a "spread," a picnic or a row, especially after the theses are in, and most laudable of all our resolves is the one to have every chapter meeting a good one. We celebrated St. Valentine's day at the last one, notwithstanding the fact that we were several days late in paying our respects. The tender missives our program committee insisted must be home-made. Some declared undying love; others were content with recalling old romances. All were voted a success. But what shall be our program for the next meeting and the next? Surely some of the other correspondents will come to our aid with suggestions.

BLANCHE E. MOORE.

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PSI; WOMAN'S COLLEGE, BALTIMORE.

Well girls, you all know that it is not right to be superstitious, but I am sure you all understand also that weird feeling you have when you belong to a party of thirteen. This was the feeling of the members of Psi chapter a little while ago. Of course we tried to deny the fact to ourselves by saying that our dear Psis who are not at college this year ought to be counted, but, in our heart of hearts, we knew that we were thirteen.

So we decided to choose the two nicest girls in the Woman's College, who were not already Delta Gammas, and ask them to join the sacred order. Now we wonder how they could ever have been anything else but Delta Gammas, so you can all judge what fine girls they are.

January 27th, all the active Psis, our Baltimore ex-Psi, Elma Erich, and our two pledglings, Mary L. Field, '95, of Wilmington, Del., and Edith West, '96, of Baltimore, took possession of Janet Palmer's cosy library, and had the jolliest and most informal evening imaginable.

Then, having seen how nice the colors looked on the *Δ* *Γ*'s elect, you can well understand how very anxious we were to pin the dearly loved anchor on them, and call them full fledged Delta Gammas.

As you all know, this time in the year is a busy one at the colleges. It was not until the "Father of our Country" kindly allowed his birthday to be in order that we had a chance to interrupt "billy" in the delectable, but not business-like occupation of eating tin cans in retirement.

What need to describe the solemn mysteries of the 21st of February at Florence and Helen Thompson's home, or the choice dainties in the banquet in our chapter room which followed? You all have experienced the delights of an initiation. Sara Baylies was our toast mistress and Katherine Clazett first gave us her welcoming address. Then Janette Sherman delivered this original toast of which I feel that I must give you the benefit.

#### ***A Bundle of Psis.***

Of all the fraternities, East or West,  
We none of us doubt Delta Gamma's the best.  
And of all of her members '  
Of course the most wise  
Are her wonderful, bright, and original Psis.  
We admit we're all young,  
Yet you will soon find  
We are indeed of many a size and a kind.  
We take in but few, but some people think  
The size of our chapter will yet make us sink.  
But our size is really our greatest of boasts.  
(I am sorry I can't tell the name of the toasts.)  
When we size up the others  
We all soon conclude  
That so many Psis would get into a feud.  
Beside being Psis, and our size being right,  
We have other sighs, some sad and some bright.  
There's the size of our pocket-book,—  
That's very small,  
Sometimes we think it has no size at all.  
The size of our judgment, that's right, never fear,  
Or else, I can tell you, we would not be here.  
But our size is seen the best way of all  
By the decisive things that we do, great and small.  
The size of the opinion we have of ourselves,  
If written in books, would cover nine shelves.

The size of our hearts is great, goodness knows,  
 The size of our love unsizable grows.  
 The size of Joe Anna is wonderfully small,  
 The size of myself, most wonderfully tall.  
 Concerning the size of the rest of the Psis,  
*She*, thinks them all *over*, *I*, *under* right size.  
 We've sighs of delight at our being Psis,  
 And sighs of pity for those who're not Psis.  
 But the principal size,—and I tell you this true—  
 And from all other Psis, you'll hear the same too,  
 No sighs that were heard, whether deep, good, or bright,  
 Surpasses the size of your welcome to-night.

Mabel Carter was the third in order, and Janet Palmer finished the toasts by speaking shortly on our chief characteristic,—conceit.

All the Psis were there, and Billy too,—on the prettiest menu card, bearing in his fore feet our anchor.

What we are doing for the fraternity room, what invitations we have received of late, what business we have transacted, and what we propose to do, I will have to postpone telling you until the next number of the ANCHORA. for I fear I have already trespassed on the space allotted to me.

With many good wishes from all Psi.

M: CHRISTINE CARTER.

#### OMEGA; UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The opening of the winter term brought with it the usual round of studies. Aside from our work, which has been much harder this year since Pres. Adams and the faculty have raised the standard of the university, we have enjoyed a number of social amusements.

Our alumnae gave a library party for us at the home of Mrs. Slichter on the afternoon of January . We have held two social meetings, one a card party at Elizabeth Mill's, '95, and the other an informal musicale at Miss Bunn's, '91.

The students of the university indulged in a military hop at Library Hall on the 17th of February, and an athletic meeting was held there on the eve of Washington's birthday, followed by an informal dance. The new gymnasium which is now nearing completion is to be opened next term by a large ball. This building is said to be the finest of its kind in the United States and Wisconsin is very proud of it.

We are glad to welcome Miss Sadie Clauson, cousin of Miss May Clauson, '94, to our freshmen class. Although she does not as yet wear the anchor, she will soon do so.

We are now looking forward to the banquet with great pleasure, as you probably are. Quite a number of our Alumnæ from away are expected back and, as we have twenty-two in the city, we anticipate a very large gathering.

EVA H. BOSTWICK.

## **Personals.**

### **ALPHA.**

Mrs. Gertrude Stanley Jester is at the home of her parents in Alliance, on account of the sickness of her father.

It is with especial sympathy that we write of the sorrow that has come to Bertha Tedrow in the death of her father. She had been attending the medical school in Philadelphia and is now remaining at home.

Rebecca Evans, Anna Elliott and Laura Jester were in town for the contest.

Pearl Binford gave the college a short visit a week or two ago.

Anna Hole surprised us all by arriving to visit friends just in time for the social at Laura Jester's.

### **DELTA.**

Mrs. Ella Tarr Thomson is at home again from San Francisco and is much better in health.

Miss Fannie Tarr is visiting relatives in Los Angeles.

Miss Jessamine Garton was married at her home on January 23rd to Mr. John Garrett Farmer, of Iowa. Delta wishes them much joy.

### **ETA.**

Martha Chase, formerly of the class of '96, entered Oberlin at the beginning of the winter term.

Leta A. Courtney, a former member of '95, was married last September to Mr. Miller, and is now living at Harvey, Ill.

Minnie Wright Aydelotte is the happy possessor of a new little boy.

Josephine Chaney, '92, of Canal Winchester, has been

quite ill, but is better now, we are happy to say, and is doing a little private tutoring.

Lura Burroughs Wise has a little boy about five weeks old.

Miss Ora Cole, '93, who has been teaching oratory at Leroy, has been obliged to give up her position and go to Denver, on account of poor health.

Lutie Matthias Gard of Hamilton, Ohio, has been visiting Mrs. Lizzie Jacobs, the past week.

Mrs. Dr. Hoover has a baby boy. She now has two.

Miss Nell Huntley, of Akron, was married during the summer to a Rev. Mr. Smith, and is living in Chicago at present.

LAMBDA.

Elizabeth Norris, ex '97, is teaching drawing in a convent school in Rochester, Minn.

Mrs. Eva Bradford-Colcord, '88, is visiting friends in Minnesota. Her house in Instanter, Pa., was recently destroyed by fire, and it is to this accident that we owe her present visit.

Miss Florence Gideon, '88, is in Minneapolis for a few weeks. Owing to ill health she has given up her school in Hastings, for the present.

Word comes from Salt Lake City that Mrs. Ada Kiehle-King, '86, is the mother of another baby girl.

Miss Mary Mills, '90, claims to be teaching in the high school, at Elk River, Minn.

Miss Clara Kellogg, '93, is visiting in the east, and will not return until late in the spring.

Miss Alice Butler, ex '96, is in Berkeley, California, which will probably be her home for the future.



### Exchanges.

There is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his own works.—ECCLES. iii, 22.

There is no tenet in the Bible to which fraternity people subscribe so universally and with so much alacrity as the one quoted above. It is a principle that may be comfortably (for themselves) practised as well as preached, and, whatever may be their opinions in regard to other portions of that book, fraternities have absolute faith in the inspiration of this statement. They greatly prefer its doctrine to the one taught in the familiar verse, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." The latter sentiment they regard as beautiful, but impracticable; it is a literary exaggeration, a rhetorical flourish; the former is the simple, straightforward statement of an agreeable fact. When we read the glowing terms of self-satisfaction in which most of the fraternity journals describe their orders and all that therein is, our amazement amounts almost to admiration. We should like to feel that way about Delta Gamma just once, only long enough to write one editorial, and we should feel forever after that we were not so conspicuously unworthy of occupying the sanctum. (We use the word sanctum to impress people with our editorial dignity; there is no such place, really.) In order to be a really successful editor one must be able to look at the virtues of their fraternity through rose-colored magnifying glasses; one must

"Be to their virtues very kind,  
And to their faults *altogether* blind."

Otherwise one's sense of humor will get the better of one occasionally, and that is dangerous.

The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* for February comes to us in a very apologetic frame of mind. It apologizes for being late, apologizes for printing articles upon the Hawaiian question, apologizes for general deficiencies and particular offenses, and at last apologizes for errors in proof-reading, apologizes so profusely and thoroughly that there really is little left for which to apologize except the apologies. The editor evidently has not yet grown resigned to procrastination on the part of correspondents and contributors. "Hope springs eternal in the human breast," the poet said—but sometimes it is very forlorn hope indeed. However, the following remark does not savor of discouragement, "We feel confident that the next number of the *Palm* will be one of the best ever published by our fraternity." How does an editor dare to make such an announcement as that? Have the long expected contributions arrived? Does he know whereof he speaks, or is he trying to gain new subscribers?

When the *Palm* discusses the proof-reader and "counts four" ANCHORA sympathizes. If there is any individual in this world towards whom we cherish an undying grudge, it is the compositor, who disapproves of our diction and disagrees with us and the Century dictionary in matters of spelling. *Why* does he delight to change our "friends" to "fiends", "angels" to "angles", and "writers" to "waiters"? Has he some deep-seated grievance against the human race which he avenges by making brilliant editorials appear to be the work of confirmed imbeciles?

The *Palm* receives suggestions so graciously and accepts criticisms so amiably that ANCHORA almost repents of having offered her gratuitous advice. ANCHORA always is filled with remorse when she contrasts her own acerbity with the amiability of the exchanges, but consoles herself with the reflection that neither she nor they mean everything they say. As the ANCHORA undoubtedly thinks better of the work of her fellow editors than her criticisms might lead one to infer, and as it would be impossible for any editor to think as well of the exchanges as her rivals claim to do, per-

haps, on a general average, she might come up to the standard of editorial charity.

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The *Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta* is belated. A number dated November reaches us the last of February, which makes it seem a little unseasonable. But it is the first issue of a new editorial board, and it is fashionable for first issues to be late. Besides the meteorologists would tell us that rainbows never appear until the storm is over, which may prove that tardiness is an hereditary tendency in *Delta Tau Delta's Rainbow*. The editor is full of *naïve* surprise that "a certain promised article" which experienced editors all know so well, did not arrive in time for publication, full of contrition for his delay, and of promises for future promptness. The editorials are written in the usual style of novices, and, of course, cause a grim smile of amusement to overspread the faces of the more experienced journalists, but if we are a little amused, we are also sympathetic. We were young once ourselves; to be sure, it was a long time ago, but we have not forgotten how it felt. The youthful editor inevitably awakens to the fact that the enthusiasm of the members of his fraternity is composed chiefly of "words, words, words," *not* written ones, which is a great shock at first. But if one's nervous system is in good condition, one soon learns to bear the short comings of non-contributors with philosophic calmness, and speedily becomes accustomed to the necessity of filling up the pages with the production of one's own ink-bottle, which latter burden affords an excellent opportunity for seeing one's own opinions in print—the only one that most of us will ever have.

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The exchange editor of the *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record* has held the mirror before ANCHORA that she might see herself as others see her, and we candidly confess that the reflection does not "look pleasant." The *Record*, in commenting upon the preceding number of ANCHORA, quotes all the

disagreeable remarks that are made therein about the exchanges, and leaves out all the pleasant ones (we admit that these are rather hard to find) and the result is somewhat startling. If the habit of making herself disagreeable had not become chronic, ANCHORA would certainly turn over a new leaf. She has never regarded the Xantippic method of persuasion as ideal. It may be effective, but it is not admirable, and we rather prefer that ANCHORA be distinguished for some quality other than ill-nature. But fate is often unkind. The *Record* is hereafter to be published in Boston, which change of location, "it is hoped, will give it literary excellence and æsthetic tone." The first number issued under the new regime lacks the usual tone of inexperience, and of child-like confidence in the sympathetic support of the fraternity that ordinarily characterizes first issues, which bespeaks a wisely chosen editorial staff and promises much for the future success of the *Record*.

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"If there be one thing habitually disregarded by chapter correspondents when writing of rival fraternities it is common civility. For that forbids the evil speaking which so often finds place in chapter letters. Suppose truth be there, is it not an unwholesome and ungenerous pleasure to herald another's weakness? Think of the injustice of a false or incomplete report! No chance for defense is given. They favor cowardly attacks, those vaunting letters and letters of spiteful explanation, and are unworthy." — *Kappa Alpha Journal*.

The ANCHORA has so often expressed the wish voiced in the above clipping, that it is a pleasure to find some one else advocating the same good doctrine. It has been with much satisfaction that we noticed during the past four years an increasing effort upon the part of ANCHORA's chapter correspondents to mention rivals in a courteous and unprejudiced manner, and earnestly we hope that it will not be long before all "envy, malice and uncharitableness," may be eliminated from our pages. Even if there is actually a reason for cherishing a bitter feeling towards rivals, which is not often the case, it is better to keep silent about it.

Trouble between fraternities is at worst merely a matter of local disagreement, usually of antipathy between individuals, and personal and local unpleasantness should never be made a subject of public complaint. There is no reason to begrudge our rivals the good fortune and honor that may come to them; rejoice with them rather. Our turn to be congratulated will come also. We believe that the fraternity which habitually disparages others, and lives according to the unwritten law, "hate thy rivals," has no right to exist. If there is not room for all fraternities in the college world, none should be tolerated.

The editor of the *Greek Press* in the *Journal* is inconsistent, which of course is natural enough in a man. He criticises *Alpha Phi* and *Delta Gamma* because they are not sentimental (much he knows about it), and  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ , because the *Trident* is sentimental. Such contradictions are confusing, but we will overlook them in the *Journal*, because we have observed that the editor of that paper always seems a little nervous when he is writing about the sorority journals, and we would not intentionally add to the embarrassment of a bashful man by appearing to notice his awkwardness.

When the *Journal* confines itself to the discussion of the ethics of the fraternity question, the ANCHORA always agrees with him. Witness the following:

"Why should we not honor the member of a rival organization, if he is worthiest of the honor? Why should we try to keep such a one from his rightful due, simply because he wears a badge different from the ones we wear?"

Kind feelings and generous instincts are the prompters of courteous action; and the real gentleman is he who is polite because he is uneasy in any other conduct. If real inter-fraternal relations existed between rival organizations, then their dealings would always be courteous.

It is sincerely hoped that malignity is dying out; that slander is soon to be banished; that "lifting" and stealing members and chapters will soon become a part of past history.

May this year be a season of remarkable development in the cordiality and fairness between all college fraternities.

Of course we love our order more than all others; but this is no reason for injuring or striving to injure others."

*Kappa Alpha Theta* has been visited by an inspiration. At least such is our conclusion when we read in the January number reports from the president and treasurer of the fraternity, and editorials which seem to indicate that these are to be regular features of the *Journal*. The publishing of these reports is a brilliant stroke of diplomacy, and the woman who suggested them deserves a place in the civil service list. We have faith enough in the pride of the feminine nature to believe that no chapter and very few individuals could see the statement of her fraternity's financial condition, and her own neglect in sending dues promptly, chronicled even once, without immediately settling up her accounts. Furthermore, *KA Θ* seems to have passed a law to the effect that the vice-presidents of the various districts must supply literary contributions to the journal. If they fail to do so, they must send satisfactory excuses, which will be published in the *Journal*. Evidently *KA Θ* had Puritan ancestors, else she would not believe so thoroughly in the mortification of the spirit.

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The *Arrow of Pi Beta Phi* discusses the question, "Are Fraternities Worth While?" ostensibly *pro* and *con*, but actually so loyal to the fraternity idea is the editor that her arguments are all *pro*. Among other things, she says:

Now we claim that fraternities are no more liable to the charge of narrowness and snobbishness than any other society outside of college or in, which is organized for a purpose and wants as members only persons who will contribute best to this purpose.

But we, as fraternities, have certainly often been charged with giving ourselves pleasures which are a corresponding pain to others, and it is our duty by a declaration of our principles, and by the attitude of our individual chapters toward non-members, to remove this stain.

We do not believe that the range of any college girl's friendship should be bounded by the fraternity circle, nor that college social life should be a strictly fraternity matter. Our fraternity should be but one of our interests, not the sole one. A broad life is possible in a fraternity as well as

anywhere else. Chapters should, we believe, consider earnestly this phase of fraternity life. Is the social activity which your chapter creates of the highest and broadest type, or is it belittling, and in any way making life less pleasant for non-fraternity women? If so, it is not the fault of fraternity as such, but the result of personal narrowness and prejudice."

We do not particularly desire to have it proved that fraternities are evils, yet it always looks as if the people who attempt to prove that they are an unmitigated blessing, meet with small success in their undertaking. Does the fact that other societies are "narrow" and "snobbish" make those faults less glaring in fraternities? Because one man has stolen your umbrella does not make it right for another to appropriate your mackintosh. We fancy that the endeavor to refute the charge of selfishness by a declaration of our principles would not result in a triumph for fraternities. The embarrassing and pertinent question: "If you have such beautiful principles, why do you keep them for purely ornamental purposes?" would very probably be asked. Such arguments are all for the other side. Fraternity people might as well admit facts first as last. Fraternities are selfish organizations, organized upon aristocratic principles for the benefit and pleasure of their own members, without regard to the feelings of outsiders. The only way of proving their praiseworthy institutions is to show that the resulting good to members is greater than the harm to outsiders.

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## A Plea for the Editor of a College Journal.

I would like to preface this paper with the remark that I am a member of a young college where all efforts are undergoing the common initial difficulties, and where college spirit itself is hardly in its perfection. These thoughts are only the result of my own experience, and hence in some respects I may be mistaken. For any misrepresentations I beg to be forgiven.

If there is any one girl in college who is to be most highly applauded, that girl is the editor-in-chief of the college paper. We students who have never ventured on the sea of editorial woes, and who are not initiated to the mysteries of the guiding of that perverse little ship of literature, cannot understand its rolling and plunging; the necessity of the captain's having a keen eye for danger and a clear brain in the choice of the best channel; and the discomforts and disagreeable duties attending her constant presence at the helm. The port of Glory is very rarely attainable even after the roughest voyage, and, unfortunately, the winds of discouragement and lack of sympathy and help, too often pervert the course of the ship, and drive it only as far as the harbor of Partial Success, or even to that of Dismal Failure.

I think that all will agree with me when I say that the procuring of manuscript is one of the first difficulties of the editor. The chance contributor communes with herself thus: "It would certainly be a most noble and charitable act of mine if I should write an article for the paper." So, like

some other noble and charitable purposes which she has, she glories in the virtue of conceiving the idea and determines to carry it out *some day*. Maybe in the overflow of self-congratulation she will say to the editor, in a benevolent "father of his country" style:

"By the way, I have in mind a lovely article for the paper, on So-and-so."

The editor, in a transport of delight, as if she has just received a reprieve from punishment, improves Miss Contributor's opinion of herself by voluble thanks.

Unforeseen college work is the first thing which dampens Miss C's ardor, and time, the healer of all things, including an uncomfortable conscience, is another narcotic to memory. Days pass, and the unwritten article only troubles her sleeping thoughts. After a while the editor quietly reminds her of her promise. Miss C. then becomes peevish, first with herself, for being so rash, and then, it being so easy to blame others, she visits her sins of omission on the editor.

Possibly, by frequent supplications, the article at last is obtained, but, in the meantime, the editor's life is "not a happy one."

Then the editorials! But our editors all tell us that that is the easiest part of their work. We, however, picking up our monthlies, turn to that department and expect to find brilliancy, wit, and originality personified.

Oh no, we couldn't do it ourselves, but when we college girls confer upon her the *high* honor of editorship, she should leave no stone unturned, should lose sleep, neglect college work, little personal duties, and meals,—anything, that those editorials should be particularly fine. It is crime if she is not original and does not advance new subjects, and we don't even listen to her explanations and exclamations of over-work.

If, in spite of her urgent appeals for humorous contributions and futile efforts to get something funny for the joke department, she fills it up in despair with exchanges or bad puns, she is deluged with the wrathful ire of the unsympathetic reader.

There is one side of the editor's career over which we would like to draw a veil. That is when there is occasion for her to refuse, or to completely revise, an article, especially poetry. Her little ship is now wildly tossing between Scylla and Charybdis, the scorn and harsh criticism of her efficiency to judge good material, on the part of the reader, and the—but what word is there that fully describes the abused feeling of the gentle author? It usually ends in her making an enemy of the latter person, for the public and the standing of the college have to be considered. However, whether she is hated much or little depends upon her own tact, and the good sense of the contributor.

It is hardly in her province to consider the finances of the paper, but she would not be considered faithful if she were not always interested in the subscription, the agreement with the printer, the cost of an attractive binding, the number of advertisers, and the hundred little expenses and difficulties which arise in the production of a college paper.

If the paper is behind hand, she is the first one appealed to for plans by which the deficit may be made up. She is unanimously called to lead in the undertaking, and her resources are always unreservedly drained for the well-being of the child of her management.

But I think that the editor's chief grievance is the lack of sympathy. Even her advisory board and fellow-helpers fail to appreciate her difficulties. They can not understand why she should find counting the number of words per column, and the placing of matter, so irksome. They are very apt to be her severest critics, for they feel that their honor is particularly involved.

And what a lack of sympathy is shown by the student subscriber! They know little about the management, and care less. They can do a great deal of grumbling, but extend little help. When they are abroad they talk very impressively about "our paper," but very few words of praise come to the editor's ears. They have a high ideal about college spirit, but do not carry its principles into practice where the paper is concerned. In fact, they are harsh

critics, and general objectors, and they need to be aroused to their duty as being sources of encouragement and sympathy, if of nothing else.

*Of course*, none of this last paragraph applies to any member of Delta Gamma, but to the girls of the other fraternities, and to the barbarians. But let us increase our efforts to support our several editors, and be always ready to hold up the arms of those patient and hardworking girls, who are so truly loyal to their alma mater that they endure all the burdens and difficulties of her exponent—the college journal.

M. CHRISTINE CARTER,

Psi.

### **A Freshman's Coast to the "Olive Branches."**

In a convent, hid safe out of sight,  
Lived a maiden, and night after night  
    When the sweet lady monks  
    Were asleep in their bunks  
She got up and lighted a light.

And the next thing she did, it is said,  
Was to haul out from under her bed  
    A monstrous great gun  
    That weighed almost a ton,  
And load it with lead—lead—lead.

And after she'd loaded the gun,  
Away to her hat box she'd run  
    To get a big knife—  
    And then for dear life  
She'd whet it—as tho' it were fun.

And she'd sing in a blood-curdling way  
The goriest, gruesomest lay,  
    And some one who heard  
    Has given his word  
That this is about what she'd say:

I am thirsting for blug—blug—blug  
In a blue china mug—mug—mug.  
    I'd think it great sport  
    To drink up a quart  
From my juggery—jug—jug—jug.

Oh! one of these days 'twill be filled  
When a maiden I know of is killed.  
    When I brandish my knife  
    She will beg for her life  
But I'm thinking her blood must be spilled.

Oh! never again will she boast  
When she standeth and maketh a toast  
    With the airs of a sage,  
    Of her uncommon age  
As tho' she were older than most.

And never again shall she sing  
Of Fraternity Babies, or fling  
    Disrespect at my head,  
    For dead—dead—dead,  
She shall be by this knife in the spring.

Then the eyes of the maiden would flash  
And she'd load up her gun with a crash  
    And aim at the bed  
    'Twixt the foot and the head  
In a way that was awfully rash.

But with Time came a change, and one day  
The cannon was hidden away,  
    And the maiden was dumb,  
    For a letter had come,  
And she had a new plan under way.

A letter had come, and it read:—  
"We've a new baby now, in your stead.  
    Our little Beth B.  
    Is the olive branch; she  
Is a dear—from her toes to her head."

The maid read the lines o'er and o'er,  
And her chuckles grew into a roar.  
    Revenge seemed so sweet  
    Her joy was complete,  
And she rolled in pure mirth on the floor.

"The baby!" she shrieked in delight,  
"The infant—the atom—the mite!"  
    "The wee olive twig!"  
    Then she danced a wild jig,  
For "olive twig" struck her just right.

"I'll toast her as they toasted me!"  
She howled with true cannibal glee.  
The time's come to act—  
Now she toasts her in fact,  
So here's to our little Beth B.

—Elizabeth Norris, '98,  
Lambda.

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### **Why Fraternities Exist.**

It seems to us that it ought to be plain to the most prejudiced thinker that the existence of fraternities is but the carrying out of a natural law; a tendency which may be traced from the very foundation of the world, through every stage of civilization.

From the orders of the Middle Ages, the idea of the modern "Fraternity" took its birth. It stands for the loftiest sentiments and noblest impulses of life. It certainly is most fitting that in schools for the training of the mind, there should be provided some means of developing the social qualities. Where can this be found more than in the fraternities? Having for their common object not some all-absorbing question upon which the safety of the world depends, but the aid socially, morally, and intellectually of those who come within the circle of their influence.

The cause of their existence does not need to be defended, as they are but the result of a natural impulse, for in all our social relations we find that the narrower the circle, the stronger the ties, and the more concentrated our efforts and interests.

In our college life we are surrounded by hundreds of students, all having the common purpose of gaining the best education possible, and that it may be broad and liberal in its scope, it is evident to every one that there must be developed a fully rounded and symmetrical character. We may become very learned through close application to our studies, but our influence will not be felt unless we come in close contact with our fellow-students.

We both give and receive good in our social intercourse. Still it is but human nature to be drawn toward some in pre-

ference to others, so that cliques are naturally formed. But fraternities are not mere cliques founded on temporary fancy or liking, but have the nobler foundation of friendship, justice, and truth. True, they are not ideal, for that would be impossible, as we are all but human beings and subject to all the errors and faults of life. Yet there is no one who has been initiated into the secrets of the Greek fraternities, but would testify to their good influence. The real power of the lasting friendships and mutual aid obtained through the medium of the fraternities cannot be realized.

Each fraternity is but a link in a vast chain, and the success of one helps to strengthen all. A healthy state of rivalry existing between them tends to the common good. And we would indeed be narrow-minded if we could not look beyond our own particular fraternity and take a kindly interest in each and every one. Remembering our Christian duty to all, we may consistently help to raise higher our own banner, and struggle to reach a nobler degree of womanhood, and do the most good we are able to those with whom we come in close contact in our individual chapters.

M. B. H.

Zeta, '94.



### **Editorials.**

There are a few subjects which the editor is ashamed to mention in ANCHORA,—on account of their age and decrepitude. They are topics that have passed through a long and checkered career. In the days of our predecessor (can any surviving Delta Gamma recall those distant and halcyon days?) they may have been vigorous and respectable young subjects for discussion, but long ere the present incumbent sank into the editorial chair, never to rise again, they had lost whatever grace and gentility they may once have possessed, and when their spectral forms occasionally appear before us and demand recognition from the fraternity, we feel that it is hardly decent to present such forlorn and disreputable connections to the younger generation that is striving to believe that Delta Gamma has never been anything but great and glorious. Thus it is with extreme reluctance that we introduce again these unwelcome topics; we wish that they would lie quietly in the grave of oblivion, but they will not. For like the spirits of the departed who have met with violent deaths, and haunt the scene of their earthly sojourn until their crumbling bones have been honored with the proper ceremonial rites of burial, the Song Book of Delta Gamma refuses to be forgotten, and will not retire into obscurity until the proper obsequies have been performed. The proper obsequies in this case are composition, compilation, publication and distribution. After these rites have been performed, we have no doubt that the song book will sink into well merited oblivion, and thereafter conduct itself like any other well regulated ghost. Such will certainly be the case if the present collection of songs is printed, and the fraternity will never think of them but as a source of humiliation. The order was issued at the last convention to print within the two following years, such songs as

could be collected. The efforts made to secure suitable songs have not been crowned with their deserved success, but the order stands. The question now before the Grand Chapter is, shall they overrule the action taken at the convention or shall they have printed such songs as they have been able to obtain? Could the readers of ANCHORA peruse the present collection, they would severally and collectively stay up nights from now until September, endeavoring to write better songs for Delta Gamma than have as yet been evolved from the fraternity muse. They could not write worse ones. This is a matter that concerns the fraternity honor, and each chapter should make a point of contributing something to the cause. It is hard to believe that in this day when the trick of rhyming has become so universal and fashionable, that any chapter of Delta Gamma could not, if she would, find at least one girl who is able to write a few bright and appropriate verses for the song book. As a matter of fact, have not all the chapters songs composed by their members, which they are accustomed to sing among themselves? Send those to the Grand Chapter before you read the next editorial. If the chapters really have no acceptable songs on hand, appoint all the girls who are engaged to write them before commencement. Emerson says that people who have never before been known to write a line of poetry, often produce very creditable verses under the influence of love. This is no flippant suggestion; the time for desperate action has arrived, and the engaged girls may have it in their power to be the salvation of the fraternity song book. It rests with the chapters to make them feel their responsibility. The subject has been disregarded too long. When left entirely to the impulses of individuals, matters of this nature are never attended to. The individual always thinks that some one else can do it better. Perhaps they can, but they will not. Therefore, the chapter should make it a point to see that the modesty of her members does not deprive the society of charming songs. We *know* that Delta Gamma is capable of producing a song book that shall be a credit to our order, and to the Grand

Chapter and the editor it will be a source of keen regret and bitter disappointment, if the lack of better material renders it necessary to print the present meritless collection. Could the chapters see those songs, they would share this feeling, and would exert themselves without delay to prevent the catastrophe of having them printed.

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The unanimity of action upon the part of the associate editors makes the editor a firm believer in thought-transference, and also goes to prove that Delta Gamma is composed of homogenous material. Many times have we requested that the names of the writers be appended to all chapter letters, yet periodically we receive a budget of epistles with no signatures. It does not happen that one or two letters for each issue of ANCHORA come unsigned, but for a given issue, they come either all signed or all unsigned. This is peculiar, and as stated above, has led the editor to believe in some occult communication between the associate editors. If these singular manifestations of mental sympathy continue, we shall deem it our duty to set the facts before the Society for Psychical Research for investigation. We should regret the necessity for such action, because we readily understand that it would not be pleasant for the correspondents to be treated as "subjects," no matter how interesting their cases might be to the scientific mind, and we trust that the regular appearance of a signature hereafter will avert the need of performing this painful duty.

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One of the chapter letters suggests the desirability of making Delta Gamma an incorporated body. Early in the year the editor was asked by one of the associate editors to mention the subject in ANCHORA, and since that time we have learned that several of the chapters have been discussing the matter. This surely is an indication that the time for action in the matter has come. In days past, while the fraternity

was small and had little official business to transact, and was conscious of but few rights that it wished to protect, and fewer wrongs from which it wished to be protected, the question of incorporation seemed unimportant. But with increasing prominence and interests, it is no more than just to ourselves and fair to those with whom we have business dealings that we should be known and treated as an incorporated body. The subject will certainly be brought before the next convention, and it is a matter that requires no special attention until that time, as it is not probable that any chapter will be opposed to taking a step that will secure to us many advantages without involving the fraternity in responsibilities which she is unwilling to assume. We mention it merely to prepare the chapter to vote upon it when the proper time comes.

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Perhaps the editor has not the patience requisite to properly fulfill her duties, for she certainly doubts whether fraternity life is worth living when words like the following meet her eyes:

"We have sent you but one literary contribution this year, but as you have not printed it do not see any reason for sending you the second. Sincerely yours," etc.

Such amiable remarks would not be quite so soul-wearying if the editor had not explicitly stated her position in this matter before the convention; if she had not, on an average, at least once a year, explained in detail her reasons for not printing everything that is sent to her table, through the pages of ANCHORA, and if she had not written many, many personal letters to soothe the wounded feelings of those individuals whose contributions have not been deemed suitable for publication.

There is an article in the constitution (perhaps it would be a good idea to have these remarks stereotyped and printed on the title-page of each issue of ANCHORA) which says that one of the duties of the associate editors is "to write or have

written, at least two contributions every year upon subjects of general fraternity, college, or educational interest, both contributions to be sent in before January first." It makes no proviso to the effect that the second contribution need not be sent if the first is not printed.

There is no reason why contributors whose productions have not been printed should feel that a personal slight has been put upon them. The editor's thanks are due and are most heartily extended to everyone who has written a paper for ANCHORA, whether that paper has been printed or thrown into the waste-basket. All we ask of the writers is to do their best and not to be offended when the article of some one else who has done better is preferred before their own. The right of discrimination belongs to the editor, and she endeavors to exercise it for the best good of ANCHORA. We prefer to have contributions from every chapter appear each year in our journal, but if Delta sends two good articles and another chapter sends two poor ones, we shall print both the better articles and leave the chapter which contributed the poorer ones unrepresented, and every chapter ought to be in sympathy with such action. Frequently the articles forwarded are creditable in themselves, but are written upon subjects unsuitable for a fraternity journal. Thus when an erudite criticism of "In Memoriam" is offered, we do not print it. It is bad enough to have it on one's conscience that one ought to read "In Memoriam" itself, without having a sophomoric criticism of that classic added to one's obligations.

Neither is ANCHORA the medium through which one's personal impressions of a journey through England or Italy should be circulated. Considering that Mr. Howells and Mr. White have set the standard for such work, we deem it best to leave that sort of literature to their care and to devote ANCHORA to subjects about which those gentlemen are unable to write. Delta Gamma is altogether too altruistic to desire to overshadow other peoples' glory.

We do not wish to be severe upon anyone, but it is no easy task to secure proper material for ANCHORA, and we

question the reasonableness of any chapter that feels abused because her contributions are not printed, and we deny that any chapter has the right to refuse to send the contributions demanded in the constitution. Such remarks as the one quoted above cast a gloom over the editor's life that one thing only will relieve. If every associate editor will cut out Article XIX from the revised constitution and stick it in the edge of the mirror on her dressing-case along with her beloved photographs and cinch-scores, our melancholy will be slightly relieved—otherwise it will become chronic.

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The editor desires to thank the associate editors for so promptly sending in their letters at an earlier date than usual. The editor made the request to suit her personal convenience, and appreciates the kindness that so willingly acceded to it.

## Chapter Letters.

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### DELTA ; UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

The old saying, "Time and Tide waits for no man," comes very forcibly home to us as we realize that another school year is almost past.

What are all the other Delta Gammas going to do for commencement? An idea was suggested last year for commencement day which we considered very good, and hope the other chapters will agree with us. That was to establish the custom of a Delta Gamma luncheon, or tea, on commencement day. Several of the "old" girls generally come back for the commencement exercises even if they don't get back to college any other time during the year, and we must all get together for a chat such as only Delta Gammas can have.

Reunion day has come and gone. Most of our girls spent it together. We had an afternoon "tea," and a jolly time. We think sometimes that after our girls have left school and been married, they lose their interest in Delta Gamma, but after Reunion day we have no such suspicion left, but feel sure that their hearts are just as true to Delta Gamma as ever.

Almost the only recreation we have had this term was a party at Mrs. Burton Williamson's home. Every one there had a good time. The games were original and interesting, and the music was unusually good.

Several of us have been dissipating the past week by taking in "La Fiesta" and the plays by Warde and James, and Modjeska, who were here during this time. We feel now, however, like settling down to school work again.

All our students will miss Dr. Matthew, who has recently left the university for San Francisco. He has been our able and popular dean for several years. We all heartily congratulate him on receiving such a fine appointment in the city. May success continue with him.

A few weeks ago the college literary society elected officers for the spring term. A  $\Delta \Gamma$  was appointed for presi-

dent, a  $\Delta \Gamma$  for censor, and a  $\Delta \Gamma$  for secretary. So you see we have held the offices all the year, as all  $\Delta \Gamma$ 's should.

Another wedding has taken place among us. Virginia Williamson, '92, was married to Dr. Bradley, of Los Angeles, on Wednesday evening. The wedding was an unusually charming one. The bride looked very beautiful in her white satin gown, and made a sweet contrast to the bridesmaids in pink silk. The floral decorations were magnificent, banks of lilies and smilax extending to the ceiling, white roses and ferns also made their appearance in every conceivable corner. While the guests were partaking of the bounteous repast, sweet strains of music fell upon our ears, the voices of serenaders, who proved to be several of the pledged  $\Delta \Gamma$ 's and several of the young men. Dr. and Mrs. Bradley will live in their new home on Twelfth and Georgiabel St. We know every wearer of the anchor wishes them much happiness.

In the last ANCHORA Eta's correspondent spoke of the proper diet and training of the goat. We have a fine goat, not at all savage and quite easy to manage. Sometimes we wonder if we can't feed him something to make him more ferocious. Eta spoke of a circulating letter on this subject. We are very anxious for you to start it. If Eta will start it and send it to us (we come next on the chapter list, you see), we will keep it going. We would like some information, and we can speak of a good many things that cannot be discussed in ANCHORA.

With love in our hearts for all the "dear girls," we await your next letters in ANCHORA.

FRANCES WHITLOCK.

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ZETA; ALBION COLLEGE.

First of all, Zeta wishes to tell you of our Reunion Day celebration, and the delightful time we all enjoyed. The "anteroom" was our dining room for the occasion, and very tempting the tables looked; at each plate, as a souvenir of the evening, was an anchor, "wreathed with bronze, pink and blue," and bearing  $\Delta \Gamma$  and the date of the founding of our chapter on the front; on the other side, a list of the toasts, one of which was cleverly responded to by an original poem from Miss Winifred Mills, who is teaching this year in the Mason High School. Our alumnæ, or more familiarly, our "old girls", were well represented; Miss Mills, Miss Amanda



Barnhart, Mrs. Martha Brockway-Armstrong, Mrs. Minnie Strong-Waldo, and Miss Irene Niles were with us, and others who could not return remembered us by letter.

Nellie Knappen Scripps, whose husband has just been appointed to the Haven Street M. E. Church in Detroit, is visiting her father and mother here in Albion, and we are all delighted to see her again.

Since the last writing, our number has been increased. On April 20, Miss Gertrude Saxon meekly met her fate, and we are glad to present her to you all as a loyal Delta Gamma.

After "Billy's" voracious appetite had been satisfied, we refreshed ourselves with "Wienerwurst", bread and butter and coffee, and held a jubilee dance, in which, however, the "candidate" was too weary to join.

We are planning for a reception soon, to which we expect to invite the teachers of the institution, and all the "frats.", besides allowing each girl three invitations for her personal friends who may not otherwise be included. Miss Mabel and Miss Clare Smith have very kindly offered us their beautiful new house for our party, and we hope to make it a great success.

One of the students, as a private venture of his own, is publishing a book of engravings representing the many beauties of Albion, especially of Albion College. We have had two very fine photographs of our hall taken, which will appear in the book, along with engravings of the Sigma Chi Lodge, the Alpha Tau Omega House, and the rooms of Alpha Chi Omega and Kappa Alpha Theta.

We are going to have our annual group picture taken in a new way that promises to be altogether satisfactory. On a long card, to have the active members in the middle, the pledged members on one end, and the alumnae on the other, each group entirely separate, of course.

Why would not an exchange of group pictures among the different chapters be a desirable thing? We have often wished to know just what sort of looking girls our sisters are, many of whom we know by name and reputation.

Perhaps it may interest the "Hellenists" to know that the class who read the "Œdipous Tyrannous" of Sophocles last term, are going to *act* it, sometime in May for the benefit of the general public—and the Greek department. Your humble correspondent is to play the part of Jocasta, and eats, sleeps and dreams Greek, costumes, and gestures. The stage setting and the costumes will follow the model set by Har-

ward a few years ago, only on a more economical plan, of course.

Miss Helen Davis will spend next year in Europe. She expects to sail on the 16th of June, with Professor and Mrs. Lutz, and she will study at the University of Freiburg and at Rome. We shall hardly know how to get along without her next year, but we are going to have her with us again in the fall of '95, when our travelled, cultured little junior girl will be more of a help to us than ever.

And now our duty is ended. We are no longer "Grand Scribe", and next year some other girl will fall heir to our stub-pen. (Whisper it softly that we are devoutly grateful.)

When the next ANCHORA appears, Miss Helen Osborne, Miss May Hunt, Miss Adelaide Siddall, Miss Lottie Bruce, and Miss "ANCHORA Correspondent" will be "sweet girl graduates."

Very grateful for the privileges that have been ours in Delta Gamma, we say good-bye in its true meaning.

GRACE COGSHALL.

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ETA; BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Eta sends greetings to all the chapters.

Isn't it a pity that some of us are so made up that we constantly put off doing the thing we know we ought to do, and fondly imagine that we "haven't time?" That's what I've been doing, and here I am at the last minute trying to get the ear of ANCHORA. And if I do get her attention I am not sure that I have anything to say to interest her. Things seem to have gone on smoothly and monotonously, as things have a way of doing. The seniors are doing the usual amount of groaning, but it seems to be necessary for a senior to lament his or her overworked condition, so we think nothing of it, but when we are seniors, if that blessed time ever comes, will cheerfully do our share of the bewailing.

Girls, if you want to have good times in frat meeting I would advise you to follow Sigma's idea of a social meeting with tea in the hall, once in a while. We have one regularly every two weeks, and I can assure you they are very successful.

Two weeks ago we took in Maude Laudenback, who enjoyed the distinction of being the last pledged girl Eta will ever have. She was taken in Friday afternoon, and

(poor, unsuspecting child), went calmly to sleep that night, little thinking what was in store for her. However, we waked her up at two o'clock in the morning, and at daybreak Saturday morning the Eta goat might have telegraphed to all the other *ΔΓ* goats, "We have met the freshman, and she is ours, but we are exhausted." I wish you could have been at that initiation, for it was great fun.

We celebrated Reunion Day in the usual manner. We had a birthday party in the hall, with many of the old girls present, while others were represented by letters. Eta was on that day the happy recipient of several birthday presents, in the shape of furniture.

We were very glad to have Emma Phinney, Martha Chase and "Mig" Stanley at one of our "tea meetings" lately. Emma was home from Wellesley on a vacation, and Martha from Oberlin. We have three seniors to lose this spring. It always seems to me as if we never could possibly get along without our seniors, but somehow or other we come back in the fall, and adjust ourselves to the new order of affairs almost unconsciously, and more easily than we ever dreamed possible.

You have probably noticed the subject of a Kappa Kappa Gamma scholarship spoken of in the last *Key*. That seems to me to be a step in the right direction. Why haven't fraternities discussed that before? And not only discussed it, but why haven't we established such scholarships? Let's think of it until next time. I know I haven't told you what I wanted to nor what I ought to, but I seem to be out of tune to-day, so won't bore you any longer. I hope you will have a very pleasant summer, and come back to your chapter next fall, all of you, if you don't graduate this term, and if you do I hope you will do something good next year, that you won't forget your frat, and will take the ANCHORA.

ELIZABETH M. BROPHY.

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KAPPA; UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Edward Eggleston's speech that "prefaces are like rail fences, made to be jumped over," must needs apply to the opening words of this letter; for really girls, there is so much for me to say in this my last letter, that I must plunge in *medias res* the very first thing. And, then, perhaps, the blue pencil of ye gentle editor will hover over the last page. Idleness may be the greatest accomplishment of civilization,

but the art of being idle in a graceful, picturesque way, is one in which our chapter doth not excel.

The winter months have been the busiest of all. We have experienced the dull, monotonous grind. We have reveled in high teas and spreads and lectures. But as the books say, "we anticipate." Among the most important events was the five o'clock tea at Miss Schwabs given for Mrs. Corabel Tarr Boyd, after which we went en masse to hear her lecture upon "the motive power in a young woman's life," before the working girls club. After her return to Kansas City, Mrs. Boyd wrote to Kappa; and still in fear of the "pencil" I want to quote a few lines from her kindly letter. She writes:

"While thinking of you and the fraternity, I have again and again asked myself, 'what is the real significance? What are the limitations of fraternity life? *Qui bono?*'"

"The social and literary associations are delightful and necessary and no one values or enjoys them more than I do; but I covet for such a combination as ours, the highest standards of thought, feeling, and action. I long to feel that young women are weighed not in the scale of appearances but by realities, not by what they have, but what they are; that our feelings of love and sympathy are not limited to a chosen few, but are broad enough to encircle all who need the touch of love; that we are living not to do great things in the eyes of others but those things which shall lift humanity to a higher level of peace and happiness. There is a great over-estimate to-day of things instead of souls, of doing instead of being. I feel that all young women ought to be living for each other, not in a material sense, but in thoughts, in feelings, and in purposes, in true heart sympathies; for I believe that is the surest and most rapid way to solve many of the vexed questions in our national life to-day. When all women are true and true to each other, our social, political, and religious difficulties will be solved."

The event of events, blustering March brings to us, the day of days, March 15th! This year we feasted right royally with Miss Burnham at a seven o'clock spread. Instead of toast, the last course consisted of letters from our neighbors "over the way," Chi, Omega, Lambda, Tau, Psi, and one from Mrs. Boyd, Zeta, and one from Miss Jessin, Alpha. Of course we had a gay time conversing, as we sat like models from books of decorum!

The first annual tour of our glee club is just over. Our club was only inaugurated this year, and the success of the

first trip insures its future. Our university, our glee club, are names we love!

Early in the term, we were dazzled and delighted by the appearance of  $\Delta T \Delta$  in our midst. The chapter is strong, both by reason of its own members, and also by reason of the very large number of  $\Delta T \Delta$  alumni residing in Lincoln. All Greek letter men and women welcomed them; and with Oliver all say "more."

Just now the girls are all absorbed with Junior Annual and commencement. Our commencement season bids fair to be very gay; for beside the other gaities the seniors give a German play "Eigensinn." Our orator is from Grinnell college, Iowa, and comes with fair fame.

Then will come our regrets and mournings that the year is gone; but the summer will pass, and with my wishes that the holiday may be restful, and we may all meet again with gladder hearts, and higher thoughts—Auf Wiedersehen.

MARTHA HUTCHISON.

LAMBDA; UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Lambda chapter is at present in a state of most reprehensible pride and elation, because of an unexpected and wholly unwarranted action on the part of one of her seniors. This young person has in some mysterious manner so undermined the principles of the faculty that they have elected her a member of the honorary society, Phi Beta Kappa. She will not be alone in her glory, however, for the society already comprises seven or eight of our fraternity—in fact it is largely made up of members of the faculty and Delta Gammas.

The university base ball team has already begun its downward career by succumbing to the ex-collegiate nine. Every year this hopeful aggregation of youths spreads the reports that they are prepared to win upon the diamond undying fame for the institution and themselves—that like leaves before the autumn wind all will be swept before them. They solicit the aid and admiration of their fellow-students and go forth upon the war-path only to discover, alas! that balls are uncertain things and man is prone to err. Why men should want to play base ball anyway, has ever been a mystery to me. It is different with foot ball—foot ball offers at least, a glorious opportunity for being mortally

injured, but the worst thing one can do in the other game is to bang up one's fingers, which is not heroic at all.

We have had several very pleasant social meetings this term and a large number of business meetings which were otherwise—that is, I suppose they were. I carefully avoided attending any myself. Miss Firkins gave a lunch in honor of Miss Ethel Baker and Miss Margaret Thompson of Evanston, and Grace Tennant invited us to pull candy at her home, but in general this term has not been a giddy round of frivolity. Probably that fact will increase our appreciation of vacation which is only five short weeks distant. Lambda hopes that you will all enjoy the summer very much indeed, and that the next ANCHORA will find all the old girls with lots of lovely new ones ready for another nine months of college work.

ADA LOUISE COMSTOCK.

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XI; UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The long anticipated spring vacation is now over and we girls are all back in Ann Arbor, with a fresh supply of gowns and strength to finish out the year.

The time for making next year's plans has come and the four girls who are to leave us are no less busy in mapping out the coming twelve months than are the fifteen who will remain, who are now selecting rooms and chums.

Much has happened to Xi since the last letter was sent to ANCHORA. Our post-graduate, Gale Barnes, has gone home, greatly to the regret of all who knew her, but she will return in June to receive her second degree. Lucy Seely, who is at home recovering from her illness, will also visit us at commencement. One of our honorary ladies, Mrs. Prescott, has just left for six months abroad which will be spent in the German University towns. Her husband is our head professor of chemistry and will study in Bonn, Freiburg and Berlin during the summer term. Just before sailing they entertained us most charmingly.

We have been particularly fortunate in seeing a number of  $\Delta \Gamma$ 's during the past few weeks. Lizzie Shiel, '89, and Daisy Buick, '91, spent a number of days at the house, and the glimpses we had of Miss Sauer and Miss McHarg, of Sigma, at the time of the junior hop, though by far too short, were quite delightful. Three weeks ago, one of our

seniors gave us a rare treat. She had visiting her, Rev. Caroline Bartlett, of Kalamazoo. Miss Bartlett kindly consented to speak to us, on Saturday evening, on some of her European experiences. Her ten weeks life with the Salvation Army in London and the work being carried on in the east end, then of the college settlement in N. Y. City and Hull House in Chicago. The topics were extremely interesting as you may see, and her experiences and thoughts had in them much of her personal charm.

Besides pleasures of a grave nature, we have indulged in a really frivolous masquerade, just among ourselves, and a number of jolly impromptu affairs, not to mention three delightful serenades. But here at the U. of M. work takes up most of our time. Now that the boating, tennis, and baseball seasons have opened, it will take all ones mental and moral courage to bohn through a May day or a June evening.

JULIA M. ANGELL.

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SIGMA; NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Sigma has been exceedingly quiet since the last letter to ANCHORA was written; the reunion is about the only event of general interest which has occurred. The 15th was at hand before we knew it and it seemed an unusually inconvenient time too, so we concluded to postpone our celebration of Delta Gamma's anniversary until the spring term.

On the 6th of April we gathered together at the home of Mary MacHarg and spent the afternoon in greeting the alumnae who were present, in reading letters from the absent ones and in general talking over all the Delta Gammas whom we knew, past and present.

We have had two rushing spreads, one at Anna Hitchcock's and one at Jennie Tilt's, and of course we had a delightful time as we always do, when a lot of the girls get together.

We have spoken before of our new hall at the "Fem. Sem." which we take such pride in. We have lately beautified it by the addition of some new articles of furniture, useful and ornamental. We extend a cordial invitation to any Delta Gamma of some other chapter, to drop in and see us at one of our weekly suppers. We feel sure you would go away with the impression of having had a jolly time and something good to eat as well.

The Pan-Hellenic idea is increasing rapidly at Northwestern. The *K A Θ* sorority gave a reception to the other

sororities in March and it was a most enjoyable affair. It seems that the other fraternities are thinking of following up this plan—if so, Northwestern can look forward to many successful entertainments.

ELIZABETH KENDALL.

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TAU; UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

"Ye scribe" can hardly bring herself to realize that for the last time this year she sends greeting to all Delta Gammas, and that another one of the four short years of our college life is almost ended. The past months seem no more than a point in the distance and yet a point that glows with many a happy memory. For the remembrance of a year with Delta Gamma girls is like a star that gleams through all time and space, rather than a comet brilliant but fleeting.

The routine of work at the university has suffered but few interruptions. The hearts of all our friends were gladdened a few weeks ago by a gift to S. U. I. of \$100,000 by Mr. Edmunds, a former resident of Iowa City. By the will of Judge Hammond, ex-chancellor of the law department, all his private library was left the S. U. I. Judge Hammond was the first chancellor of the department and gave the best years of his life to building it up.

The base ball season is on. Not a league game has been played yet by our team but we confidently expect the silver bat, now held by I. A. C., this year will be ours.

The annual field meet of the State Athletic Association will be held in Iowa City, June 1st. If enthusiasm and hard work will hold the cup, which is now in our possession, it surely will be ours.

Our celebration of the fifteenth marked it a red letter day in the calendar; notwithstanding the fact that we were in the midst of term examinations, we laid aside our cares for one night and rejoiced with Delta Gammas far and near. The part we enjoyed most was the reading of the letters from our old girls, and you would understand that this is saying a great deal, if you know what an elegant banquet we had at the home of Miss Eva Kettlewell. The toasts were all above the usual standard, but I must mention the one on "Tau chapter" by Miss Clem Ashley. She has developed a talent for poetry that we little suspected.

We sympathize with Mrs. May Montgomery in the loss of her only brother who died in February. Mrs. Montgom-

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ery did not come back to us as we hoped after her southern trip, but our love reaches out to help her in this grent sorrow.

We are planning to give a large reception the last of May, and so end the year pleasantly.

We wish you all a happy vacation full of all the good things vacation alone can bring—Auf Wiedersehen.

MARY HOLT.

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PHI; UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

This is the last time for this year at least, and I earnestly hope and pray that it may be the last time for any year that I shall be with all *Δ Γ*'s in spirit and letter as Phi's associate editor, not but that, to quote that great man, Bill Nye, who was once so honored as to deliver a lecture for Phi, whose proceeds filled the coffers of the treasury full to overflowing, "my heart swells like a pan of dried apples in water set in the June sunshine," to have the extreme pleasure of addressing the ANCHORA and my fellow associate editors, still it is surely enough to drive one to some desperate deed to be tormented by the thoughts of continually writing chapter letters, and I should much prefer having some other member of Phi write charming (?) epistles, and myself sit back and in turn do the criticising.

Saturday afternoon, March 24th, we gave a spread in honor of our new pledge, Bertha Pettengill, a girl we deem worthy of any number of fine spreads, did our treasury but permit such extravagance.

Reunion Day has come and gone, but remains in our memory as one of the pleasantest evenings we ever spent. The appointed hour for our party was at eight o'clock sharp, so as near nine as possible we all assembled in Mrs. Barker's parlors. After we had indulged for a few moments in some deep and profound conversation, and had introduced our latest acquisition in the form of Fannie Johnson as a pledge, we adjourned to the dining room. The long table was very prettily decorated with smilax and Delta Gamma roses. It is needless to speak of the spread for 'twas a Delta Gamma spread pure and simple, but it surely was astonishing to notice how such extremely delicate looking girls stowed away such an amount of food.

Mrs. R. H. Whiteley, as toastmistress, gave the Address of Welcome, and the charming way in which she fulfilled the

duties of her office and loud murmurs of approval signified that a better choice could not have been made. Toasts were responded to as follows, "Our Chapter House", Charlotte Ballard; "A Retrospective View," Carrie Sewall; "Our Charter," Mary Ball Johnson; "Delta Gamma," Maude Gardiner. The menu cards with a sketch of the dearest little Cupid, with whom the girls instantly fell in love, drawing a little wooden cart upon which rested the Delta Gamma rose, were designed by not a Delta Gamma, but a Delta Gamma friend, whom we would be glad to call "sister" did not his sex unfortunately prevent. We are very proud of our pledges, the goodly number of seven, and took the opportunity of "showing them off" by having them wait upon the table, and truly the viands served by such hands were rendered fit for a god. Letters and extracts of letters, mostly extracts, were read from absent members. "Among those (to quote *Life*, I say, for fear some more frivolous sisters may recognize borrowed brightness) who were delighted at having their names mentioned as present" were, Mesdames Richard Whiteley, Barker, Gardiner, and the Misses Rippon, Carrie and Jennie Sewall, Mary Johnson, Hattie Hogarty, Bertha and Edith Root, Zena Agar Whiteley, Lesta Way, Anna Driggs, Louise Chase, May Fuller, Nannie Brown, Jessie Neikirk, Charlotte Ballard, Jennie Frances Wise, Fannie Johnson, Bertha Pettengill, Bernice Lochhead, Clara Roseman, Leta Wells, Bessie McCluse, and Elinor Wise.

School and school days are nearly over, and the blossoming flowers, the young men and maidens in new spring array, and the small expeditions daily planned to the mountains, all announce that the most joyous time of the year has come. We greatly regret that at the close of school we shall lose a tried and trusty Delta Gamma, (Mrs.) Maude Clarke Gardiner, who immediately after graduation, sails with her husband, Prof. John Gardiner, for sunny Italy.

Phi hopes that the summer vacation may be as long drawn out as possible, and as pleasant as possible for all Delta Gammas.

JENNIE FRANCES WISE.

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CHI ; CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter, one of Chi's members has won for herself a place on the Woodford Oratorical Contest, and so won honors for Delta Gamma. The successful competitor was none other, as you may guess, than Cheedie Connor,

formerly ANCHORA correspondent. The orations were submitted to the judges type-written and signed under a *nom de plume*. When it was known that Miss Connor was one of the chosen five, we were all delighted; the more so, because only once before has a girl been elected to this honor, and that some years ago. It only remains for us now to wish her success in the contest on the platform, and that we do most heartily and hopefully.

Chi has been thinking for some time — yes, girls, really, though you might not think it from the correspondent's letter—and quite seriously, of the advisability of incorporating Delta Gamma. We cannot claim to be the originators of the idea, as it was suggested to us by Omega, but we were soon convinced of the wisdom of such a precaution upon finding that our pin had been copied almost exactly by a local society in a college not far from Cornell. We are assured that the incorporation can be secured with no very great difficulty, and would be well worth the pains. We recommend the matter for your consideration and would be very much pleased to correspond with any of the chapters regarding it, as also would Omega, I am quite sure, who may know more about it than we.

It occurs to me that this is the "last time" until next year. I am not sure that I have a right to use that expression, for it belongs exclusively to our seniors. So soon they are having last times, which are always accompanied with a certain amount of regret, they say, and a large amount of sentiment, we think. However that may be, Chi says good-bye to you all with regret, wishes each of you the happiest of summers, and hopes that we may meet next fall just the same as we have separated this spring, except for the gap the seniors will have made.

BLANCHE E. MOORE.

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PSI; WOMAN'S COLLEGE, BALTIMORE.

Psi first presents her compliments to her sister chapters, and wishes for one and all a vacation full of enjoyable events, and completely minus of cares.

First let us say what we have done from a business point of view, and then we will tell you how "gay and giddy" we've been besides.

All four fraternities of the W. C. B. have at last settled upon the question of a pledging day, and have appointed

November 15th as the "auspicious" date. The pledge-cards will be five in number, four for the aforesaid fraternities, and one for the unwily barbarians, which copy will be duly posted on the bulletin board.

As regard to Psi chapter, let me tell you that it is improving and developing finely. We feel that the number fifteen brings so much more luck. We can also delight in speaking of our Baltimore ex-Psis, of our Washington representative, and of our Bryn-Mawr College A. M. We don't like to admit, however, that we are going to lose five of our dearest girls this year, for it is too painful to think of. However, Delta Gamma has provided quite a large contingent for the senior class, so we shall have to let chapter pride soothe personal grief. We have had their images immortalized while we still had them with us, however, and with them the rest of the fifteen. We all think the picture fairly good, although Mr. Cumming's camera did not fully appreciate one or two of us.

I am sure that you would all unite in applauding us in our efforts to furnish the chapter room. It still needs more, but we have already bought much of the necessary furniture. It has already a home-like look, and we take much delight in meeting in *our* room. The other night, at the "reunion," the girls took shadow pictures of each other. These will be reproduced in silhouettes, and we will thus have a portion of the heading of an original dado. When you remember that three of our four walls are slanting, you will understand that we need to devise such ornamentations.

Elma Frich, one of our alumnæ, has long been wanting to entertain us, and despairing, last Saturday, April 21st, of ever getting us under her hospitable roof, she surprised us with a lovely feast in our own quarters. So one of our plain, everyday meeting nights was suddenly transformed into an extra pleasure time. For had we not some of our dear old girls with us, music and refreshments,—all delightful surprises?

And now I am saving the best to the last; that is the seventh of this month, the lovely time at Edith West's. The feature of the evening was a game which we might call "authors," although it was not in the least like the old game. The girls, all unsuspecting of the meaning of the titles which they acted, represented, "Vanity Fair," "A Bow of Orange Ribbon," "A Face Illumined," "The Lamplighter," "My Mother and I," and others. We certainly enjoyed the whole evening thoroughly, and voted Edith a splendid hostess.

We are contemplating a water trip down the lovely Chesapeake Bay for the middle of next month, but we have not completed our arrangements, and so care not tell you much about it. We would like to, and really expect to, be absent from Baltimore from Friday evening to early Monday morning; but as yet we do not know whether our destination will be Cambridge or Denton. Both of these towns are on the famous "Eastern Sho," as they say down there, and we have heard that should we come to either place, we shall be feted and delightfully entertained. Pardon a Marylander's saying so, but really if you do but approach people in the south with a smile, you will receive the most hospitable treatment in the world.

Well, I know I am transgressing in sending such a long letter, but "good-byes" are generally lengthy, so you will have to forgive this time.

Repeating the good wishes of our greeting, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

M. CHRISTINE CARTER.

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OMEGA; UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Delta Gamma banquet has come and gone, but the memories of that pleasant occasion are still lingering with us and we wish to let all our sisters know what a successful event it was. This year our banquet was held in the spacious parlors of the Presbyterian church. The table was arranged in the shape of a letter T and was artistically decorated with smilax and cream roses, around which thirty-six Omega girls partook of the following menu:

<i>Bouillion.</i>	<i>Olives.</i>
<i>Pate' au Huitres.</i>	
<i>Sammon a' la creme sauce.</i>	<i>Pomme de Terre Frites. Sandwich.</i>
<i>Sorbet.</i>	
<i>Poulet en Salade.</i>	<i>Petits Panis.</i>
<i>Olives.</i>	
<i>Glace au chocolat a' la vanille.</i>	<i>Gaudeau.</i>
<i>Cafe'.</i>	<i>Amandes.</i>

The toast mistress of the evening was Miss Katherine Allen. The Misses Freeman, Brum, Clawson, Goldsmith, Walker, Hand, and Cornelius responded to toasts, all of

which were very bright and witty. After the reading of letters from absent members, Delta Gamma songs were sung in an enthusiastic manner. We were all sorry to have such a pleasant evening come to an end, but the flash light picture of that happy scene will ever be a treasured souvenir.

Miss Blanche Harper has been very kind in entertaining the girls the past term with informal talks and teas. We feel that these meetings have been of great benefit to the girls both intellectually and socially.

The University Mandolin, Glee, and Banjo Clubs made a very successful trip through the Northwest during the Easter vacation. But baseball is now receiving the attention of the students. The game between Ann Arbor and Wisconsin resulted in a victory for the Badger boys. Speaking of athletics reminds me of the letter from the Lambda correspondent in which she spoke of the defeat of Wisconsin's football team at Minneapolis, and of the joint debate which they hoped to win. The debate was held on the evening of April 20th, and was decided in favor of our side. It is true that we were badly beaten in the physical tussle, but when it became a strife of gray brain matter Wisconsin stood first.

When I think that this is the fourth and last letter for ANCHORA for this year, I feel how nearly the college term is ended, and in what a short time we will have another commencement with us. Commencement means a great deal to Omega chapter for upon that day six Delta Gammas will receive their diplomas. Although we are proud to have them take their different degrees, still we cannot but lament the great loss that they will be to us. How we will miss them next year! It seems as if their places could not be filled. Such enthusiastic and loyal Delta Gammas as they have been will be hard to find. The sextette to which I have referred are Mae Clawson, Katherine Cleveland, May Foster, Lucy McGlachlin, Nellie Noyes, and Ada Walker.

But as the seniors will leave as others have, we can only try to fill their places by freshmen for the class of '98. Recognizing this fact we already have the desired girls in view, and will soon commence our usual Spring rush. We expect to get quite a number of Delta Gamma sisters.

Omega wishes to all a prosperous year and a happy summer vacation, and hopes that we will all return next fall with hearts glad and joyous, and filled with Delta Gamma enthusiasm.

EVA H. BOSTWICK.

## Personals.

### ETA.

We have just received a card which says: Roscoe White Fulghum, Alice Barnes, married April 25th, 1894, at home at 5449 Ridgewood Court, Chicago.

Ada M. Firey, a former member of '94, is doing work at the Emerson School of Oratory this year, and writes that she enjoys it exceedingly.

Olive Chamberlain who has for the last three years been teaching in a mission school in India Territory, is teaching in Troy, Ohio, this year. Her mission school work had to be given up on account of poor health.

We hear that Mrs. Florence Mullikan Smith has moved to Chicago.

Miss Isabelle M. Greene, '93, is visiting friends at Boston, where she will stay until some time during the summer.

Mrs. Abby Schumacher has gone to Chicago, which will be her future home.

Think of having a brand new nephew and not knowing it until he was eight months old. Luna Shear Palmer wrote us the other day that her little Stanley is of that age.

Miss Elizabeth Wills, who has spent her time since last September in Germany and England, came back to us last week.

### LAMBDA.

Miss Alice Butler, ex '96, is in Berkeley, Cal., whither her family have removed on account of her father's health. She has entered college there and employs her leisure in making interesting comparisons between the U. of M. and the U. of C.

Miss Ruth Harris, '93, will spend the summer on the Pacific coast and resume her duties in Mill's college next fall.

Miss Louise Montgomery, '90, who has been teaching in Pasadena for two years, will spend the summer there, interrupting the vacation by a trip to Alaska. Lambda's California contingent will, however, miss her next fall, as she will then return to Minnesota.

Miss Jean King, ex '94, writes from Trinidad, Colo., that school teaching may be useful, but certainly is not an exhilarating occupation.

From Denver, Colo., comes word from Mrs. Mayme Irving Greenwood, '85, that she spends her time bringing up in the way they should go, two small boys and a baby girl.

Miss Clara Kellogg, '83, returns from the east about May 15th.

Miss Clara Baldwin, '92, leaves for a six weeks visit in Washington and New York, about the middle of May.

Miss Florence Gideon, '88, has given up her position in the Hastings High School on account of ill-health, and will spend the summer in Excelsior.

Miss Ina Firkins, '88, sails on June 16th, for Italy, where she will spend the summer.

Miss Florence Graham, ex '97, leaves during the month for an extended visit in Indiana.



### Exchanges.

"Men might be better if we better deemed  
Of them. The worst way to improve the world  
Is to condemn it."

Shakespeare or Solomon or Matthew or Samuel Johnson or some other gentleman once remarked, "vanity, vanity, all men are vanity," and we have jnst discovered that the assertion must have been prompted by a perusal of the *Delta of Sigma Mu*. It will be useless for the *Delta* to attempt to prove an *alibi* in this case, for no man will ever succeed in proving a woman mistaken, when his evidence is based upon chronological statistics. Have not women been known to stay Father Time himself in his flight, and may men hope to cope with them when the matter under discussion involves the question of the age of the parties concerned. As witness to the truth of our above made statement note these lines written by an individual who calls himself "critic" because his disposition is uncritical:

"The *Delta* has always kept 'neck and neck' with her rival fraternity journals but the last issue has made a spurt ahead and is now in the lead. To say that this is gratifying is to express mildly our appreciation of your efforts. It has been growing better at every issue and if the chapters will act on the hints you have given them we will have a *Delta* even superior to this."

We always have envied conceited people. Life must be so satisfactory to those who are unconscious of their own defects and of other people's superiority. They never hear a still small voice telling them that the words they are writing are without wisdom, they never writhe under the torturing conviction that those they have written, and alas, printed, have been trite, pointless, inadequate; they never suffer

under the knowledge that what they can do is so very, very inferior to what they can appreciate. Happy egotism! Perhaps, after all, it is more worthy, more to be honored than even "divine dissatisfaction."

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The *Trident* is a nice, lady-like little paper. Considering that it is only now in its third volume, it really is remarkably good. We find its simple faith in the perfection of Hellenic principles and influences rather amusing, but probably more people among the Greeks would agree with the *Trident's* unqualified devotion to the fraternity ideal, than with the ANCHORA's depressingly cynical views upon the subject. When the *Trident* says that—

"The basis for true friendship is laid in fraternity life, and upon this broad basis others come to stand who are not bound by fraternity obligations," we think she is mixing up cause and effect. We believe that the basis for true friendship is laid in human nature, and we do not believe that "others come to stand upon the broad basis" which fraternities prepare for friendship, because in the first place, we do not consider the fraternity a "broad basis," and in the second place, experience all goes to prove the other side of the question, and our mind is so constituted that empirical reasoning is usually convincing. But the ANCHORA does not insist upon her own opinion.

A correct little essay upon "short story literature" reveals a writer who loves her story-book and who asserts with calm confidence that "the best literary production of the nineteenth century is the modern magazine." We have heard a good many hard things said about the nineteenth century, but never before anything quite so derogatory as that. That is much like saying that hash is better than ambrosia. (We are tempted to moralize a little here upon the tendencies of the age, but it occurs to us that our readers may be rather weary of that topic, and therefore we heroically restrain ourselves.)

From a stirring article in the *Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon*, we quote:

"Our alumni are all right, of course, but from indications they might seem all wrong. Comment is made in the last edition of Baird's manual that *The Record* is a very creditable publication, but too poorly supported by the alumni considering the fraternity has a large list of such members. A more liberal support has been urged through the editorial columns of *The Record*, but with apparently little effect.

Now it seems to me that the blame for the existing condition lies chiefly upon our chapters. Failure on the part of our active members to pay sufficient recognition to their alumni in the vicinity probably causes lack of interest on the part of the latter more than anything else. \* \* \*

There can be no doubt that the editor of *The Record* has a duty to perform in keeping our journal attractive and interesting to the alumni as well as to the active men; but that he has the prime duty to perform is ver doubtful. His support should be from both classes. A special duty rests upon the alumni to send in articles of superior merit. The active members, on the other hand, must make their chapter letters of such high character as to interest the alumni. Let the letters have a high tone, and they will be read by all."

The writer goes on to suggest that occasionally a copy of the fraternity journal be sent to every alumnus whether a subscriber or not, and the suggestion is pertinent. Ordinarily editors waste their ink and their readers' patience by periodically scoring the alumni for not being more generous with their superfluous dollars. And the editorials may be brilliant, and the arguments convincing, but nevertheless they are unavailing, for the people who should be and would be influenced thereby to lead a better life, never see them, and those who conscientiously read them have paid their subscriptions, and do not need to be reformed.

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While in many ways Kappa Kappa Gamma is the most self-centred of all the sororities, in other ways she is the most expansive. For some time, her members have been trying to make their organization a power in some definite line of

work, philanthropic or educational. As yet they do not seem to have agreed among themselves as to which line they had better follow, nor how to follow it. But these, of course, are minor considerations—the main thing is to resolve to do something. If it would not be considered frivolous, we would suggest that success would be more apt to crown their efforts if they resolved to do nothing. The leaders of the organization will probably find themselves for some time to come in the position of the owner of the opinionated dog, who was a man who “would be obeyed” and therefore found it wiser to ascertain what the dog meant to do before he expressed his commands. At least one Kappa clings to the old simplicity for she writes thus of the proposed changes:

“The change seemed to this Kappa to be wrong. With this perpetual bustle and struggle there was no time for the calm talks about the solemn vows of fraternity, no time for the ripening of friendship. The four years spent in college should be a season of preparation for the business of life, not of rash participation in it without preparation. If any member had superfluous time, she might, she must, use it in the way pointed out by conscience. After college there would be opportunities for philanthropic work, and, if the fraternity training had been right, she would do all she could. The special need in fraternity progress, so this Kappa thought, and we think with her, is a direct, practical application of the old true, sweet aims to all phases of life. Then all work that is done by other good organizations will be helped by individual Kappas, beside and after the active chapter life, not instead of it. One will be called to do one thing; another, something else. Let each live true to Kappa principles and do her own work in her own way.”

It is unnecessary to say that the ANCHORA agrees with this view of the fraternity question. So many things are crowded now-a-days into women's lives that they are in great danger of forgetting the “old true, sweet aims.” The girls must inevitably, so soon assume responsibilities and become workers in the world, that it is a pity their brief college days should not be protected from the nervous activity of the age, which will victimize them all too soon without any effort whatever upon their side to become a part of the great social organism whose watchword is “agitate.”

What the editorials in the *Shield* and *Diamond* of  $\Pi K A$  lack in originality, they make up in style. The style is fifteenth century, biblical. For the sake of impressiveness we infer,—perhaps, however, it is to fill up space,—the editor makes of each sentence a new paragraph. This raises undue expectations of force in the editor's remarks, and as these prove to be neither much better nor worse than the customary editorials, the method defeats its own purpose.

The *Shield* and *Diamond* contains a sensible, well-written article upon "Conservatism." The writer evidently believes that there is conservatism and conservatism, and, like the rest of the Greek world, pins his faith to the latter. It also contains a paper upon "Eligibility of Members," which is by far the most narrow and bigoted production it has ever been our misfortune to see in a fraternity journal. The ANCHORA is not the place for a theological discussion, therefore we reluctantly refrain from expressing in detail our opinion of this article.

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The *Scroll* of *Phi Delta Theta* discourses editorially upon convention and convention delegates, and does it so well, that next fall when it will become ANCHORA's duty to discuss those subjects, we mean to plagiarize some of the good things that the editor of the *Scroll* has written. Therefore, we deny ourselves the pleasure of quoting them at this time.

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There is an excellent article upon "chapter finance" in the April *Kappa Alpha Theta*, which, if any chapter has not yet read, we hope they will make good their oversight immediately. The writer states a few plain facts about fraternity expenses, that any chapter dreaming of a chapter house for next year, had better read, mark, learn, and endeavor to understand. About the hardest thing in the world to make a girl who is enthusiastic upon the subject of chapter house believe, is that a merciful Providence does not watch over the grocer's bills and prevent them from being commensurate with the fraternity appetite. Their faith may be very beautiful from a religious point of view, but it is very disastrous from a financial one. But it is not for the editor who has never yet succeeded in making her accounts balance, to preach at length upon the subject of book-keeping, therefore, ANCHORA's readers are referred to *Kappa Alpha Theta* for good advice upon the subject.

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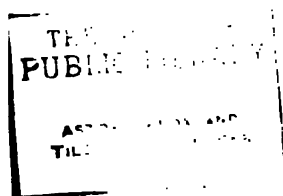
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